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Major battles raging between Iraq and Iran

BAGHDAD, Nov. 2 (Agencies) — Iraq said Tuesday its forces had repulsed a new Iranian offensive at the border in the southern sector of the Gulf war front and said its planes were attacking Iranian troops still trying to cross the frontier.

Iraq warplanes are completely controlling the sky in the battle area, knocking out large numbers of Iranian tanks, vehicles, and artillery guns and other equipment, a military spokesman, quoted by the official Iraqi News Agency, said.

He said the Iraqi Air Force was also attacking Iranian positions and troop concentrations around Ein-e-Khosh, part of a large chunk of the oil-producing province of Khuzestan which Iran recaptured in an offensive last March.

The military spokesman, quoted by INA, said Iraqi fighter-bombers provided air cover at dawn for ground troops to repulse an Iranian offensive accompanied by armored vehicles and artillery directed at Iraq's Missan province, 250 kilometers southeast of Baghdad.

They said Iran did not appear interested in invading Iraq, but only in retaking its own territory and protecting its communications lines from Iraqi artillery bombardment.

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Tehran Radio said artillery and aerial battles were raging and Iranian troops were

inflicting heavy losses on Iraqi forces only a few kilometers from the international border. A communiqué said an Iranian fighter plane shot down an Iraqi plane Tuesday between Fakkeh and Delhoran in southern Iranian territory still occupied by Iraqi troops, an Iranian communiqué said. But Iraq reported none of its planes had been hit.

The operation code-named "Moharram" restored to Iranian control the Bayat oilfields with a daily output of 25,000 barrels and a road linking the Iranian border towns of Dehloran and Musian, the radio said.

An Iranian military communiqué said the offensive had also brought the key Baghdad-Basra highway and several Iraqi border towns and oilfields within range of Iranian artillery fire.

Observers noted similarities between Operation Moharram and the Iranian offensive last month in the region of Mandali, 120 kilometers northeast of Baghdad.

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Poor turnout in U.S. poll

WASHINGTON, Nov. 2 (Agencies) — The traditional low turnout was noted at the polls Tuesday when voting began in the U.S. mid-term elections.

President Ronald Reagan and his aides are hoping this year's election will continue the tradition because a low turnout is usually a good sign for the party in power.

Polling stations opened in some eastern states 1100 GMT. Millions cast their ballots from Florida to Alaska in the election widely viewed as a referendum on Reagan's controversial economic policies and a test of public faith in his ability to end high unemployment and recession.

A clear verdict may not emerge until late Tuesday night or Wednesday, after polls have closed (0400 GMT Wednesday) in California and other Western states.

Reagan's Republican Party strategists and the opposition Democrats predicted that the Republicans, who lost strength in the House of Representatives, could lose some ground in the Senate and would suffer serious setbacks in the state governors' elections.

The main question was whether the Republicans could minimise their losses and preserve a working coalition with conservative Democrats that has enabled Reagan to win approval of his major budget-cutting, defense and tax programs.

Political experts on both sides believe the working coalition in the House of Representatives is likely to be reduced to a very narrow margin, at the least. All 435 House seats, including two to be decided by special election on Nov. 30, are at stake this year.

The Democrats had a nominal majority of 241 to 192 with two vacancies, but Reagan has pushed through nearly all of his important economic programs with support from a small bloc of conservative Democrats.

Officials in both parties are predicting Democratic gains of 18 to 25 new members, most or all of them liberals. The lower figure might enable Reagan to win close votes while the higher one might wreck his coalition.

With support of both houses needed to pass legislation, he could be forced to compromise on planned cuts in domestic spending, increases in defense outlays, reform of the nearly bankrupt social security pension system and a possible congressional resolution urging a U.S.-Soviet nuclear freeze.

In the Senate, now controlled by Republicans 54-45 with one independent, the outlook is less clear but also holds prospects of danger for the Republicans.

Thirty-three of the 100 Senate are at stake — 13 of them Republican. Most Democratic officials predicted gains of up to three seats, not quite enough to erase the Republican majority.

The Republicans' prediction of their showing varied from a loss of two to a gain of the same number if there is no big economic backlash vote against them.

Economic issues, especially the jobless rate of 10.1 percent, the highest in 41 years, have been the predominant concern of politicians and voters nearly everywhere.

Reagan took personal charge of Republican efforts to head off a voter revolt on the matter, putting his personal prestige on the line in campaign appearances and televised speeches.

Honor poll result, Spaniards urged

MADRID, Nov. 2 (R) — Pope John Paul told Spaniards Tuesday to respect the outcome of last week's general elections in which the Socialists were put in power for the first time since before the 1936-39 civil war.

Speaking on the third day of a 10-day visit to Spain, the Pope made the appeal in the royal palace in the presence of King Juan Carlos and the country's political and military chiefs after shaking hands with Prime Minister-elect Felipe Gonzalez.

"In this courtesy visit, I would like to express my greetings and respect to the legitimate representatives of the Spanish people whom they have elected with their mandates to govern their destinies," Pope John Paul said.

Praising the efforts of Spaniards in building democracy since the end of General Franco's right-wing dictatorship in 1975, the Pope referred to the "plurality of legitimate options" and respect that must be paid to them.

His speech was seen as a clear warning to right-wing forces in Spain, which traditionally act in the name of religion that the church would not support any attempt to overthrow the country's young democracy.

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King concludes tour

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GALT: King Fahd seen here receiving copy of the Holy Quran from the dean of the faculty of education in Madinah University at a special function organized by the people of the city to welcome him.

students' queries on the various topics relating to the Arash and Islamic worlds.

King Fahd said he was pleased to notice that Islam is making headway, every day, every month and every year, by giant strides, in major countries like European countries, the United States, Japan, and even People's Republic of China and the Soviet Union. "I say so, because we hear now that they (the leaders of these countries) have changed their minds and opted for the respect of the Islamic faith and those who practice it. We hope that such tolerance will continue and that Muslims will be given full liberty to perform their rites in their correct perspectives,"

The King pointed out. He then replied to the

In Lebanon Morocco to join MNF

BEIRUT, Nov. 2 (AP) — Lebanese President Amin Gemayel returned home early Tuesday with a pledge from King Hassan II to contribute 2,000 Moroccan troops to Lebanon's multinational peacekeeping force, Lebanon's state and privately owned radio stations reported.

The announcement coincided with U.S. President Ronald Reagan's order to U.S. Marines guarding Beirut's international airport to conduct "limited" mobile patrols in the Christian-populated half of the Lebanese capital.

Reagan's decision to expand the Marines' role was seen by Lebanese radio stations as a prelude to the deployment of the Lebanese Army in Beirut's Christian sector and a possible disarming of rightist militias.

The 4,000-strong international force, which also includes French and Italian paratroopers, had helped the Lebanese Army to deploy in Muslim-populated West Beirut last month and disarm leftist private armies formerly allied with the Palestine Liberation

Organization.

A U.S. Embassy spokesman here said the decision was taken in response to a Lebanese government request and "with the agreement of all parties." But the spokesman said she could not say whether the rightist Christian Phalange Party had specifically agreed to the Marines' presence in East Beirut. The Phalange Party militia, called "the Lebanese forces," has been in control of East Beirut and the Christian-populated mountains and coasts north of the capital since the 1975-76 civil war against the PLO and their Lebanese allies.

Since then, Lebanese forces militiamen have acted as a state-within-a-state in East Beirut and the Christian hinterland. They manned security checkpoints, ran harbors and collected taxes. The central government had no influence in any Phalange area.

There was no immediate indication when the Marines, French and Italians would begin patrolling East Beirut.

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Summit agenda approved**GCC ministers end talks**

MANAMA, Nov. 2 (SPA) — Foreign ministers of the six Gulf Cooperation Council states concluded a two-day meeting here Tuesday night during which they approved the agenda of a GCC summit scheduled to begin here Nov. 9.

Political, economic, security and defense issues dominated deliberations during the Tuesday morning closed session. The session was confined to heads of delegations only. The closing session was mainly devoted to administrative and legal issues related to the GCC Secretariat's budget.

The ministers, at a closed-door meeting Monday night approved the agenda for the upcoming summit, the third for GCC heads

of state since the council was established 17 months ago. GCC Secretary General Abdulla Bishara presented a report. Later, the ministers continued discussion at the residence of Bahraini Foreign Minister Sheikh Muhammed ibn Mubarak Al-Khalifa.

The agenda to be referred to the summit includes two agreements to be signed by Gulf leaders. One deals with the Gulf establishment for investments and the other with immunity to GCC officials.

Sheikh Muhammed had opened the session with a speech praising efforts undertaken by the GCC to "ensure an honorable future for integrated Gulf action and preserving the region's resources." The GCC had helped ensure security and prosperity for the Gulf peoples and preserved their independence, he said.

Directives from King Fahd emphasize citizen's health

RIYADH, Nov. 2 (SPA) — King Fahd has issued strict directives that all necessary measures be taken to provide the highest standards of medical care, acting Health Minister Dr. Ghazi Al-Gosaibi said here Tuesday.

He said King Fahd had personally stressed to him the importance of looking after the citizens' good health.

Dr. Al-Gosaibi added that the King had made it quite clear that the government would not tolerate any carelessness or shortcomings in the field of health and medical

care.

He said King Fahd had authorized him to go ahead with measures to overcome any shortcomings or obstacles to ensure the best possible medical care for the people.

He told *Al-Madina* that King Fahd had also personally assured him that all necessary requirements would be provided to improve the standard of medical care in the Kingdom.

The King's generous backing was enough to improve medical services in the Kingdom and achieve the desired goal in the health field, he added.

BRIEFS

Iraqi-Saudi cooperation
BAGHDAD, (SPA) — Saudi Commerce Minister Dr. Soliman A. Solaib met with his Iraqi counterpart, Hassan Ali, here Monday night to discuss cooperation between the two countries. Solaib arrived here earlier in the day and also attended the Baghdad International Exhibition.

Kuwait official arrives

RIYADH, (SPA) — Interior Undersecretary Dr. Ibrahim Al-Awaji met with his Kuwaiti counterpart, Maj. Gen. Yusuf Al-Khurafi, here Tuesday. Talks dealt with cooperation and coordination in the duties of their ministries.

The Kuwaiti official arrived here earlier in the day of a few days' visit at the invitation of the Saudi undersecretary. Khurafi visited the Public Security's operations division where he toured its departments. He expressed admiration for the advance achieved by the Kingdom's security organs.

N. Yemen official arrives

JEDDAH, (SPA) — North Yemen's Education Minister Dr. Ahmed Muhammed Al-Asbahi arrived here Tuesday on a short visit to Saudi Arabia. During his stay here, he will deliver a message from President Ali

Pakistani pilgrims leave

RIYADH — The final plane load of pilgrims from Pakistan left here Monday night from King Abdul Aziz International Airport. They were seen off by Pakistan's Ambassador Najimul Saqib Khan, Haj Director General K.D. Rana and other Pakistani officials.

New phone procedure

RIYADH — Telephone subscribers wishing to call Egypt can no longer contact Saudi Telephone trunk operators to put them through. They must do it themselves by using the doable zero international automatic telephone system, *Okaz* reported Tuesday. By so doing, Saudi Telephone has put aside any risk of favoritism if any, as everybody will be given an equal chance, according to a Saudi Telephone spokesman in Riyadh.

Airport shop closed

RIYADH — Forty commercial shops have been removed from Saudi's terminal at Jeddah's new King Abdul Aziz International Airport. Only six are left, *Al-Madina* reported Tuesday. It was reported the boutiques were causing crowding in the hall and spoiling the decoration.

Taif photographic show

TAIF, (SPA) — Jeddah Mayor Muhammad Saeed Farsi opened here Monday night exhibition by photographer Hamid Mustapha Shabali. Pictures of Taif and Jeddah, old and New, tourist and resort areas of the Kingdom are on display.

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Prince Majid officiates**Chemical manufacturer inaugurates new plant**

JEDDAH, Nov. 2 — A Saudi-British joint venture which will manufacture construction chemicals was formally inaugurated here Monday by Governor of Makkah Prince Majid at the Jeddah Industrial Estate.

Fosam Company Ltd. expects to produce 22,600 tons of chemicals per year during the first phase of operations. The Jeddah manufacturing plant will produce concrete admixtures and surface treatments used widely in the construction industry.

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Dr. David S. Belford, chairman of Fosroc International Ltd, a partner in the joint venture with Saudi Arabian Markets and Kamal Adham, told *Arab News* that "it is our policy to set up a manufacturing company with full

Sports centers to link area villages

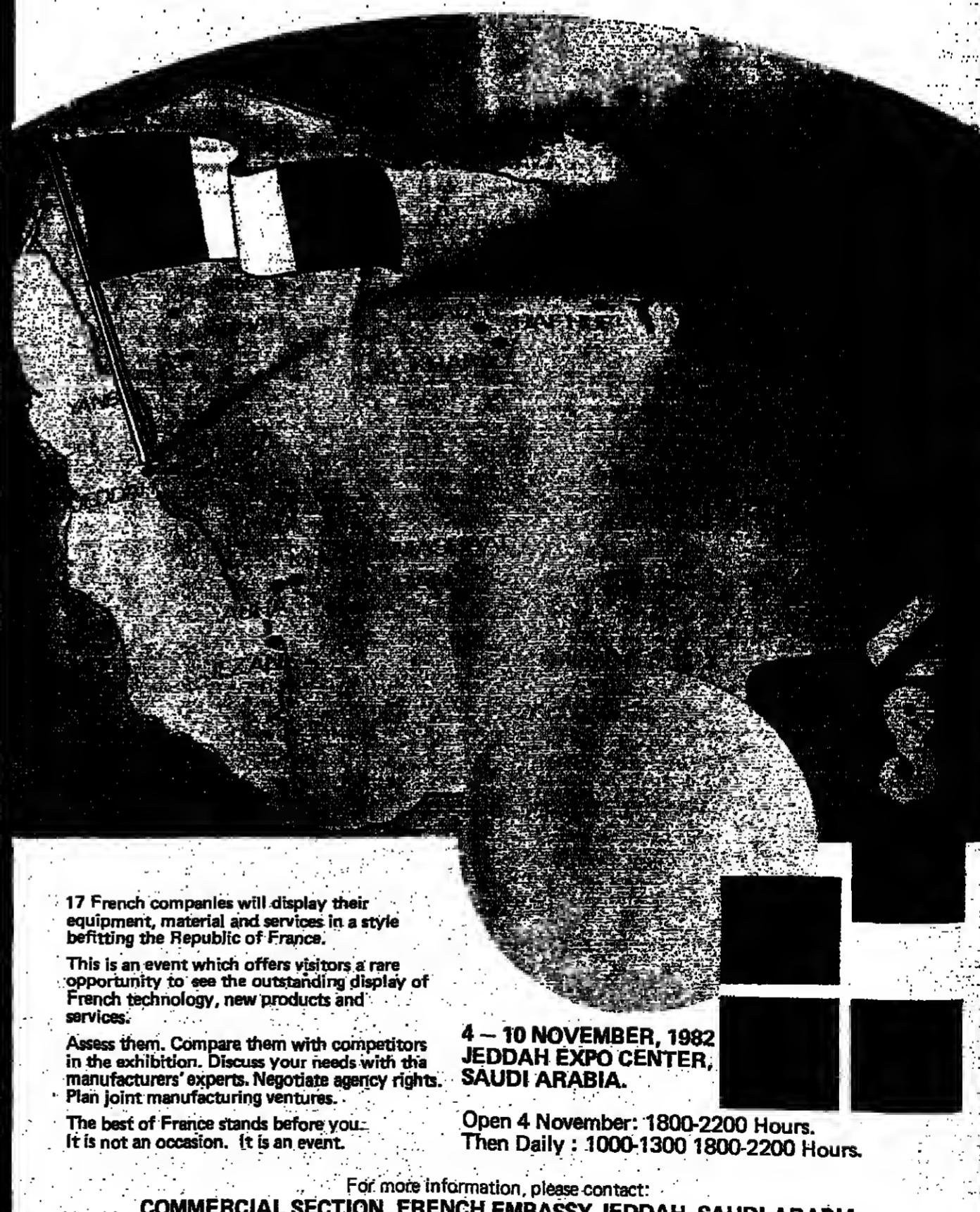
JOUF, Nov. 2 (SPA) — The Youth Welfare Bureau here is conducting a new experiment to bring youth of several villages in the region closer by building centers which cater to various sports. Four such centers have been built in Hadeeb, Suwair, Zaloum and Nabak Abu Qasim villages.

According to Mamdouh Abdul Hameed

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Bank business seminars speed customer service

Riyadh Bureau

RIYADH, Nov. 2 — Saudi American Bank (Samba) concluded a special two-day seminar at Hyatt Regency for its corporate customers Tuesday. Aimed at financial managers and accountants, the seminar provided

corporate customers of the bank with an in-depth analysis of key operational procedures.

Samba has developed a policy of involving customers directly with its operations staff in addition to the account officers, who handle customers' overall requirements. This, according to Samba, helps in improving the customer service by providing a direct link for daily operational needs.

The wide range of topics covered during the seminar included trade finance, treasury facilities, electronic banking, letters of credit, letters of guarantee, collections and other banking services. Performance guarantees and other important local regulations were also emphasized.

A Samba spokesman said the knowledge of detailed procedural and documentation requirements of the bank makes for quick finalization of contracts avoiding delay and unexpected problems. Seminars of this type are expected to improve business managers' understanding of the financial services and strengthen the relationship between the bank and its customers.

Some 30 corporate customers attended the seminar representing all the major businesses in the Kingdom such as construction, manufacturing and trade besides some from the public sector.

Islamic Cities' board meets Nov. 19

JEDDAH, Nov. 2 (SPA) — The Makkah-based Organization of Islamic Cities' board will hold its fourth session in the

Islamabad welcomes flight from Kingdom

ISLAMABAD, Nov. 2 (SPA) — Sandia's first inaugural flight landed at Islamabad International Airport Monday from Saudi Arabia.

Pakistani Defense Minister Mir Ali Ahmad Khan Taimur and the Saudi Arabian charge d'affaires attended the welcoming ceremony accorded to 260 passengers aboard the flight.

Qatif committees map future plans

QATIF, Nov. 2 (SPA) — The local committee of Qatif Social Service Center held a meeting here Tuesday to discuss future programs including projects for house renovation.

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DAMMAM. Nov. 2 (SPA) — Damman's main Public Security bureau is paying pensions to 2,300 subscribers which also come from Alkhobar, Dharan, Thaqab and Rakah. The total funds allocated amount SR5 million, said Muhammad Al-Shiba, the main bureau's director.

Shiba added that SR3 million pensions have already been paid by the bureau to subscribers from remote areas who numbered 1,200.

More pensions of about SR7 million will be disbursed in December and January, he said. Payment of pensions for remote areas is made through a committee made up of representatives of courts, finance ministry, police and the social security.

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EGYPTIAN TOURS: The new expatriate tour package introduced by the Sheraton Hotel includes a Nile River cruise, left, and accommodation at some of the leading hotels in Egypt.

Expatriates offered special tours of Egypt

By Dave Kaiser
Arab News Staff

JEDDAH, Nov. 2 — Most of the interesting historical and archaeological sights of Egypt are featured in a new group of combination land and water tour packages introduced by Sheraton Hotels especially for expatriates living in Saudi Arabia and the Gulf area. Five package tours offer everything from a basic four day, three night stay in Cairo, to a leisurely nine day, eight night excursion which includes Sheraton Hotel rooms and excursions aboard the Sheraton cruise ships traveling the Nile from Luxor, Esna, Edfu and Aswan.

The package tours, called "Sheraton Expatriate Holidays," according to Willie D'Cunha, regional director of sales, were arranged especially to meet the needs of expatriates who need to schedule their tours to meet their work requirements or to tie in

travel plans in other areas.

All packages begin at Cairo International Airport where guests are met, assisted in clearing customs and immigration and escorted between all points along the tour and back to the airport. Full board facilities are included on the cruise ships and half board facilities while staying at hotels. All sightseeing tours feature specialized guides and entrance fees to historical sites in Egypt. A varied itinerary allows time for sightseeing, shopping, scuba diving and snorkeling and free time.

D'Cunha, who recently returned from an extensive stay in Egypt, told *Arab News* that in the past expatriates wishing to travel to Egypt had very little information on what the country had to offer.

"Now with the creation of these packages it will be easier for expatriates to plan their rest and recuperation in Egypt," he said. "To help them get a better idea video and slide presen-

tations will be organized for presentation to expatriates all over Saudi Arabia and Gulf countries."

A brief look at the packages shows that the simplest one, four days and three nights in Cairo offers continental breakfasts, lunches, tours of the Pyramids, Memphis, Sakkara and the Papyrus factory, the museum, Citadel, Muhammad Ali Mosque and Khan Khalili Bazaar. The price of this basic or en route package is \$171 per person based on double occupancy.

A seven day, six night package includes the stay in Cairo and visits to historical areas along the Nile via the Sheraton cruise ships. On this tour visitors transfer on their second day to join the cruise ship, which includes full board and sightseeing according to the particular itinerary chosen. These packages cost \$483 per person, based on double occupancy and include guided tours to most of the well known archaeological sites along the Nile.

Vegetable souk study completed

JEDDAH, Nov. 2 — The consultancy firm entrusted with preparing the necessary studies and designs relating to Jeddah's new comprehensive and integrated vegetable market has completed its work, *Al-Bilad* reported.

New Airport Mayor Ali Amin said that the studies were submitted to Jeddah's deputy mayor for technical affairs, Barakat Bajnaid. Experts at the technical affairs department are studying all aspects of the project to make sure that the new market will really be a comprehensive and integrated one, he added.

Amin said that the new market will comprise all necessary utilities, such as special facilities for washing the fruits and vegetables, lavatories and washing places. All inside alleys will be asphalted and there will be a special parking area for refrigerated containers and trucks, and car parking lots. Implementation of the project will start immediately upon the approval of the department.

Municipality opens new women's branch office

JEDDAH, Nov. 2 — A new municipal office especially to serve women who need to deal with Jeddah Municipality has been opened in a new building off Khaled ibn Al-Waleed Street at Sharafia.

According to Abdul Hamid Harirri, director general of the Western Province Civil Service Board, three women college graduates were recently appointed to serve at this branch along with four assistants. Women can now submit observations or complaints directly to this office. It is expected that other government departments will soon follow this pattern.

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Sectarian fighting renewed in Chouf**Wazzan seeks power to rule by decree**

BEIRUT, Nov. 2 (AP) — Prime Minister Shafiq Wazzan on Tuesday requested parliament to grant his government exceptional powers to rule by decree and speed up plans to introduce radical reforms that have been held up eight years of civil strife.

In Lebanon's central mountains, two persons were reported killed and eight others wounded in heavy fighting between Christian right-wing militiamen and rival Druze leftists, according to Lebanese state radio.

It was the second serious flare-up of factional hostilities in the Druze-populated Chouf mountain district in the past month, threatening to rekindle the sectarian rivalries that sparked the 1975-76 civil war.

The fighting in the villages of Brib and Baaklin, 20 kilometers southeast of Beirut, has delayed plans to deploy the Lebanese Army in East Beirut, which is still controlled by the rightist Christian "Lebanese Forces" militia.

Meanwhile, American Marines in Beirut announced they would begin patrolling East Beirut on Wednesday following Monday's announcement by U.S. President Ronald Reagan that the 1,200 Marines in Lebanon would widen their area of deployment from the Beirut International Airport area where

Freij backs PLO-Jordan federation

AMMAN, Nov. 2 (R) — A Jordanian-Palestinian confederation would be the best way to free territories from Israeli occupation, Bethlehem Mayor Elias Freij, now on a visit to Amman, was quoted as saying. Bethlehem is on the occupied West Bank.

Freij called on Jordan and the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) to seize peace initiatives that would lead to the liberation of occupied territories.

The official Jordanian news agency Petra

they are currently stationed.

Lt. Col. Jon Abel, a spokesman for the U.S. Marine Force, said the mission in East Beirut would consist of mobile patrols in jeeps with no time limit set for the assignment. The move was interpreted by the Lebanese press as a prelude to the deployment of the Lebanese Army in the Christian areas, where Christian militiamen have formed a state within a state for the past seven years.

Muslim leaders have recently complained that the Lebanese Army, while asserting its control in West Beirut, had not been ordered to impose similar measures in East Beirut by President Amin Gemayel.

Wazzan's request for legislative powers for his 10-man cabinet of technocrats was made in a policy statement to the 92-member chamber of deputies. He said he would use the exceptional powers to reform the nation's civil service and its citizenship and parliamentary election laws.

"These powers will enable the council of ministers, among other things, to revise taxation laws, increase the treasury's resources and launch a nationwide reconstruction campaign designed to rebuild Lebanon from the ashes of civil warfare," Wazzan said.

PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat said last week he was ready to accept a federation between a future Palestinian state and Jordan. PLO officials stressed that there was room for a federation, but a Palestinian state should first be established on a recovered West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Several Indonesian newspapers Tuesday hailed Zia's visit with editorials praising his leadership and calling for closer relations between the two countries.

Official talks between the two leaders are

Palestinians protest Balfour Declaration

TEL AVIV, Nov. 2 (AFP) — The 65th anniversary of the Balfour Declaration in which Britain announced its support for a future Zionist state in Palestine at the beginning of the century was marked Tuesday by demonstrations and student strikes in the occupied West Bank and East Jerusalem.

Palestinian students in the West Bank towns of Ramallah, Bethlehem, and Nablus and the Ballata Palestinian camp hurled stones at Israeli soldiers and civilians, and Israeli troops attempted to disperse the demonstrators by firing tear gas canisters.

In East Jerusalem, strikes closed all the schools and some of the shops.

One Israeli civilian riding in a bus in Bethlehem, south of Jerusalem, was injured by a stone during the incidents.

The incidents marked the 65th anniversary of Nov. 2, 1917, when Britain's then Foreign Secretary Lord Alfred Balfour set forth Britain's sympathy to Zionist aspirations for a Jewish nation in Palestine.

BRIEFS

LONDON, (AP) — An Arab League delegation led by King Hassan of Morocco has postponed a visit to London to discuss a possible Middle East peace settlement, the Foreign Office said Tuesday. The delegation was due here next week. But a Foreign Office spokesman said that provisional dates toward the end of November were now being discussed.

TEL AVIV, (AFP) — Israeli Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir had a secret meeting in Geneva with Ivory Coast President Felix Houphouet-Boigny a few months ago in an attempt to resume diplomatic relations between the two countries, the newspaper *Haaretz* reported Tuesday.

TUNIS, (AP) — More than 60 persons were killed and dozens missing Tuesday after two days of torrential rains and flash floods in western and central Tunisia, the government said.

NEW DELHI, (AP) — Separate anti-Soviet and anti-regime demonstrations were staged recently in the Afghan capital of Kabul, a Western diplomatic report said here Tuesday.

Mubarak hopeful of regaining disputed Taba

CAIRO, Nov. 2 (AP) — President Hosni Mubarak said Tuesday the United States was against Israel's construction of a hotel in the disputed Taba area on the Israeli-Egyptian border and he expressed confidence Egypt will regain it.

He told reporters settlement of the dispute over Taba, a 600-1,000 square meter desert patch overlooking the Aqaba Gulf south of the Israeli port of Eilat, would be a "good sign" paving the way for negotiations on the Palestinian issue.

Another factor helping toward such negotiations, he said, would be an agreement between Jordan and the Palestine Liberation Organization on a federation or confederation between Jordan and an eventual Palestinian national entity in the occupied West Bank and Gaza.

"The United States does not agree to construction in Taba," Mubarak said, referring

to a hotel that was completed following an agreement last April to settle the status of Taba by conciliation or arbitration. The hotel was opened Monday in a low-key ceremony despite Egyptian protests.

"This is a violation of the peace treaty," Mubarak said. "The United States will play its role in solving this problem through negotiations."

Indicating confidence Egypt will win control of Taba, Mubarak said: "Let Israel say what she wants and let her build and equip the hotel. We shall pay for it afterward and will take it in the end." Asked what he thought Israel should do to facilitate a resumption of

peace negotiations, Mubarak said: "Israel should put an end to the Taba problem. This would be a good sign on her part. After that we can resume the (Palestinian) autonomy negotiations on a new basis."

The new basis is President Reagan's Middle East peace plan of last September calling for Palestinian autonomy in association with Jordan, he said.

He said the emergence of the Jordanians and the Palestinians on the peacemaking scene was "a new element." "A federation or confederation or any other formula (link) between them can help in the resumption of autonomy talks according to President Reagan's peace initiative," Mubarak said.

Ali accuses Tel Aviv of intransigence

CAIRO, Nov. 2 (R) — Egyptian Foreign Minister Kamal Hassan Ali has accused Israel of intransigence toward the Palestine issue, saying such a stance could harm the Middle East peace process. Speaking on a television program Monday night, Ali said Israel should be flexible to help defuse tension in the region and maintain the peace momentum.

He said Israel had lost a great deal on the international political scene because of its invasion of Lebanon this summer and the massacres of Palestinians in Beirut. Ali said the Middle East resolutions of the recent Arab summit conference in Fez, Morocco, were a positive step toward a Middle East settlement.

The Fez resolutions acknowledged the right of every Middle East country to live in peace. Ali said Egypt was keen to safeguard Lebanon's territorial unity and Arab character, and denied there had been any moves to create an "Egyptian-Lebanese-Israeli axis."

The foreign minister said Egypt welcomed the resumption of relations with the Arab world "but we have made it clear this should not be at the expense of our peace strategy."

Meanwhile, Ali arrived in Istanbul Tuesday for a four-day official visit, on his way to Canada and the U.S. for talks on the Middle East.

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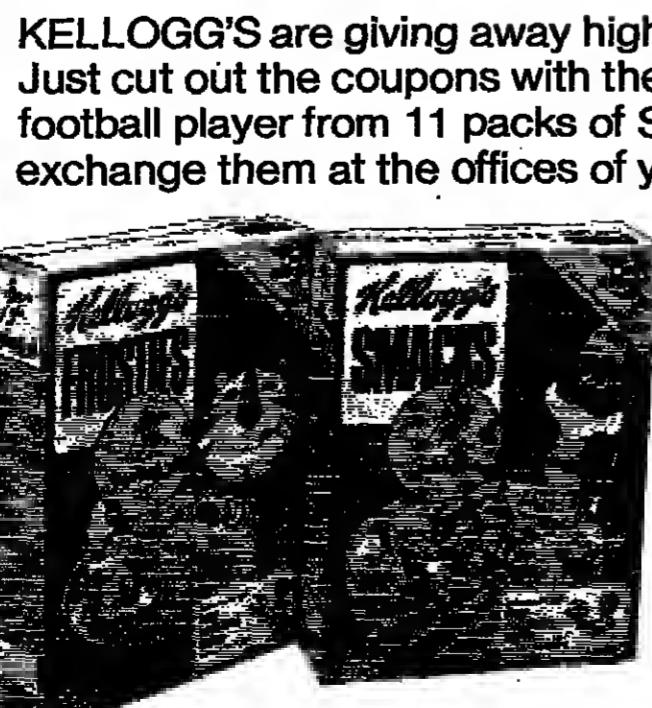
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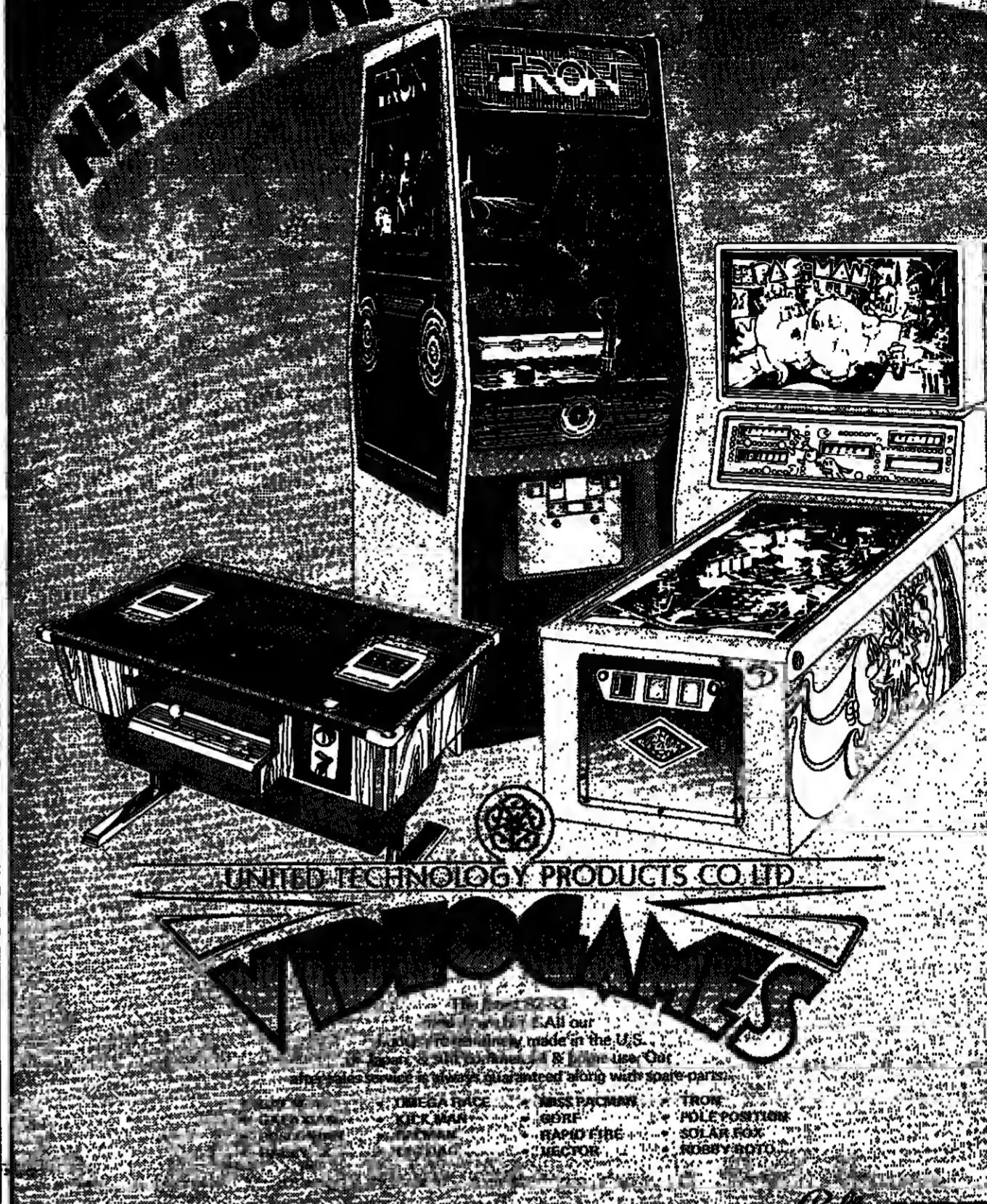
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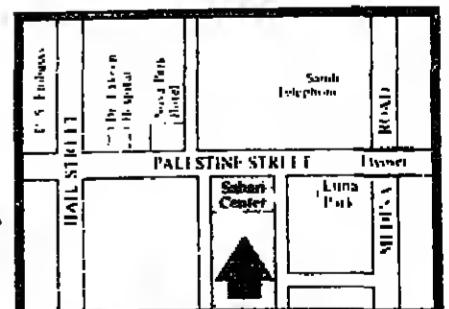
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Roughly equal in arms

America holds clear advantage over Soviet Union in 'food race'

By Manolo B. Jara

WASHINGTON (Depthnews) — In the arms race, the two superpowers — the United States and Russia — now appear roughly equal. They possess more than enough nuclear bombs, for instance, to destroy not only each other but the world as well many times over.

But in the "food race," it's an entirely different ballgame. The U.S. holds a clear advantage to such an extent that Russia can be considered a "weakling." In fact, it can be said that the U.S. is helping feed the Soviet Union. As proof, two 20,000-ton freighters loaded with grain leave the U.S. daily for the Soviet Union. That shows how much Russia has become dependent on the U.S. for its rising grain imports due to failing farm production.

The reduced output, in turn, indicates a serious deterioration in Soviet agriculture. And this is not confined to production of grain alone. "It permeates the entire agricultural sector, affecting crop and livestock products alike," says Lester Brown in a newly released study.

Brown, president of Worldwatch Institute, a Washington-based research organization, adds: "Soviet agriculture is in trouble — deep trouble. This year, the Soviet Union will attempt to import 46 million tons of grain, more than any country in history."

As a result, one-fourth of all the grain for Soviet human and livestock consumption will come from abroad. Over half of the imported grain will come from the U.S. "The long line of ships that now connects American farms with the dining tables of the Soviet Union constitutes a new economic tie between the

two countries," Brown says.

And in his reckoning, continued Russian dependence on the U.S. for food imports appears inevitable. He predicts even larger Soviet food deficits because of defects in the economic system itself. This seems a hard pill to swallow for a country which used to be Europe's principal source of wheat. As recently as the late 30s, the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe exported five million tons of grain yearly.

After World War II, Russia again produced modest surpluses. But starting in 1963, Moscow turned to the outside world for grain, becoming an intermittent importer. Since 1972, it has become a regular importer, buying nearly twice as that of Japan which ranks second.

The Soviet economy is a planned economy but their imports were not planned," Brown observes. "Soviet food production shortfalls are rooted in the economic system itself. There is an inherent conflict between a centrally planned, controlled agriculture and a modern, highly productive agriculture."

For the fact is, output of virtually all major farm products — grains, meat and vegetables — has peaked and begun to decline in recent years. For most commodities, the production peak came about 1978.

Overall, the 1982 Soviet grain harvest, estimated at 170 million tons, is down 26 percent from the peak production of 229 million tons in 1978. Meat production, bolstered by imported feedstuffs, has fallen only 6 percent from the high of 13.5 million tons in 1978.

Production of the all-important dietary

staple, potatoes, is also going down. The 1982 harvest of 82 million tons, though up from the two preceding years, was well below the peak output of 108 million tons in 1973 and 91 million in 1979. "Shortages of potatoes, traditionally an abundant foodstuff, and high potato prices in open markets underline the magnitude of this production shortfall," Brown says.

For long, Russian officials tended to blame the weather for the deteriorating production. Not anymore, he insists. He says that Russia has now moved beyond the good year/bad year oscillation of the late 60s and early 70s when it imported grain only after poor harvests.

Now, the country must import massive quantities of grain continuously. According to Brown, the fourth consecutive massive crop shortfall of 1982 signals a broad-based deterioration of Soviet agriculture that will create food shortages well into the future.

He observes that no less than a massive overhaul of the system would arrest the rapid deterioration in agriculture. "It is the faulty design of the system itself," he says. "It does not work effectively and cannot be expected to. Fixing the ills of Soviet agriculture without reforming the system will be like treating the symptoms of an illness rather than the cause.

In agriculture, as in medicine, the risk in such an approach is that the patient's condition may worsen."

The shortcomings in Soviet agriculture are in striking contrast to the success in American agriculture," adds Brown. For U.S. farmers, 1981 was a landmark year. Not only did they harvest a record grain crop but for the first time, they doubled the output of their Soviet counterparts — 331 million tons of grain to 165 million tons — despite a much smaller cropland area. "In addition to being the world's breadbasket, surging U.S. production of corn and soybeans for livestock feed has made the U.S. the world's feedbag as well," he says.

The centralized Soviet agricultural system relying on five-year plans contrasts sharply with the flexible, sophisticated American agricultural system built around the farmer. Brown notes. Modern agriculture requires a range of off-farm physical inputs and support services and the authority to make daily on-the-spot decisions. Individual farmers and farm suppliers making these decisions in response to market signals and changing weather and crop conditions have a collective intelligence far exceeding that of a centralized bureaucracy.

Centralized planning and control handicap Soviet farm management in many ways, he observes. Having access to the right pesticide at the right time, for example, is often the key to controlling insects, diseases and weeds.

But the Soviet chemical industry in 1981

produced only 60 of the 144 necessary plant protection compounds.

More important, the evolution of insect resistance shows little respect for the time lags of five-year plans. Without an agricultural chemical industry continuously altering its products to meet changing needs, Soviet farmers are frequently helpless in fighting an insect infestation or a disease outbreak.

Soviet farm equipment and fertilizer industries are plagued with similar shortcomings.

The Soviet leadership has begun to acknowledge their agricultural problems and call for reform. But Brown believes the new food program proposed by Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev in May 1982 will create still more bureaucratic layers and channels.

Brown also believes the deterioration of

Soviet agriculture presents a timely opportunity to lessen tensions between Washington and Moscow.

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Second-class compartments are almost as comfortable, but seat four persons and the washroom is at the end of the carriage. The train is staffed by Chinese attendants all the way to Moscow.

The dining car on the train changes in each country, and while the food served in the Chinese car is fairly good, there was little choice apart from greasy beef stroganoff and cabbage soup in the Mongolian and Soviet restaurants.

One of the most dramatic events on the journey as far as railway buffs are concerned is the change of wheels at the Sino-Mongolian border, where the gauge changes from 1,435 meters to 1,524 meters.

Shortly after leaving Peking the train crosses the Great Wall, a thrilling sight as it snakes its way across bare mountains which were the last barrier before Manchu Horsemen from Central Asia invaded China over three centuries ago. Passengers spend 24 hours of the journey in Mongolia, one of the world's most inaccessible countries which consists largely of desert populated by nomadic herdsman whose way of life has changed little in centuries.

After Ulan Bator in Central Mongolia, the scenery gradually became hillier and by the time the train reached Lake Baikal, endless vistas of pine trees and birch forests could be seen, continuing virtually all the way to Moscow.

The train stops every few hours for a few minutes, enabling passengers to scramble for food such as delicious fresh Russian bread, cakes and sometimes smoked fish or sausages.

The day before we reached Moscow, just past Sverdlovsk, the train crossed from Asia into Europe. Cheers rang out as we passed a small, white monument marking the border between the two continents. A day later, through the sheet, a slogan proclaimed: "Pink Floyd. Led Zeppelin." We had arrived in Moscow, where the young are still full of enthusiasm for Western pop groups.

The train leaves Peking station every Wednesday at 7:40 a.m., arriving in Moscow five-and-a-half days later after crossing northern China, Mongolia and three-quarters of the breadth of the Soviet Union. The 7,865-km ride is one of the world's great travel bargains, costing only 440 yuan (\$230) per person for a first-class compartment for two persons who can blissfully relax and enjoy some of the world's most magnificent scenery.

Shortly after leaving Peking the train crosses the Great Wall, a thrilling sight as it snakes its way across bare mountains which were the last barrier before Manchu Horsemen from Central Asia invaded China over three centuries ago. Passengers spend 24 hours of the journey in Mongolia, one of the world's most inaccessible countries which consists largely of desert populated by nomadic herdsman whose way of life has changed little in centuries.

Passengers ride around the vast, treeless grasslands tending their livestock, while in the distance, Soviet-built MiG fighters can be seen landing and taking off — a vivid reminder of Moscow's powerful presence in this buffer state between China and the Soviet Union.

Slogans in Russian along the track hail the deep friendship between the Mongolian and Soviet peoples, but a Japanese diplomat on the train who is based in Ulan Bator told a different story. "Mongolians tend to assume all foreigners are Russians, whom they loathe, but as soon as they find out you're Japanese or Western they are extremely friendly," he said.

The Soviet Union makes little effort to be subtle about its presence in Mongolia. Large portraits of Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev and Mongolian leader Yumzhagin Tsedenbal are prominently displayed on Ulan Bator station, where the train stops for 30 minutes. In a waiting room, about 50 raw Soviet conscripts sat huddled, sleeping on each other's shoulders and looking as if they were longing to leave this bleak, hostile country.

The train includes two first-class carriages, one of which is East German-built and equipped with Chinese carpets and superb mahogany and brass fittings rather like the famed Orient Express in its heyday. Each first-class compartment seats two persons and is fitted with bunk beds and a vacuum flask which the attendants regularly refill with boiling water for making tea or coffee. But a word of warning: although the attendants sell small packets of tea leaves they do not stock instant coffee, so bring your own.

Each pair of first-class passengers shares a small washroom with those in the neighboring compartment. The sink in the washroom includes a small shower attachment which

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For contamination

Deaths spur worldwide testing of Tylenol

By Paul Icamina

MANILA, (Depthnews) — It was an isolated series of poisonings, confined to the Chicago area. Isolated "extra-strength" capsules were tampered with and laced with cyanide, claiming seven victims.

The poisonings and the consequent fear for the cyanide-linked capsules also echoed across the world, illustrating vividly the extensive web multinational drug companies have spread around. What may not be safe in the U.S. may also be unsafe in other countries. Extra-strength Tylenol capsules sold in New York City, for instance, are also sold in Manila.

The Health Ministry has ordered the recall of all Tylenol extra-strength capsules and warned the public not to take the medication which will be tested for the presence of dangerous substances. The post office and customs were alerted against incoming shipments, while Tylenol advertisements were banned.

Johnson & Johnson, Tylenol's local distributor, insisted there was no need for the recall since the capsules in question in the U.S. poisonings are different from the Philippines, but agreed to the recall anyway. But the series of deaths in the U.S. reminded the world of the vulnerability of consumer products from tampering and contamination.

It put to question the mass marketing of drugs, especially in countries with big drug-

stores resembling supermarkets where over-the-counter drugs are taken from shelves by customers themselves. The U.S. drug industry, for one, announced it will review its packaging technique to avoid future tampering.

But it also brings to mind nagging questions already asked of the industry long before by consumer groups. For instance, doubts have been expressed on the wisdom — and safety — of self-medication without prior medical consultation. Two Filipino consumer groups have demanded that Tylenol products — tablets, capsules, elixir, children's chewable tablets, liquid, cough formula, cold tablet — should be reconsidered as non-prescription drugs.

Miss Julie Amargo, head of a national consumers' movement, says that even Tylenol advertisements warn that the drug should be taken on doctor's prescription. She points out that in 1980, the International Organization of Consumers' Union warned of the dangers of Tylenol and other acetaminophen drugs which can cause conjunctivitis (red eyes), enlarged pupils, and may add a yellow tinge to what a patient sees.

While extra-strength Tylenol capsules (500 mg) were first marketed here only three months ago, Tylenol tablets (326 mg) have been here for the past 20 years. J&J officials say the capsules linked with the Chicago poisonings were made from January to April 1982, while the 200,000 capsules distributed here were made last year. They were also

made in different plants. No Tylenol tablets and other products have been linked with the cyanide poisonings.

The Philippines is the only country in Southeast that sells Tylenol, one of the top 10 pain killers in the country. The tablets are sold in 14 other countries, mostly in Europe and Latin America, while the capsules are also made and marketed in the Philippines, Puerto Rico, Ireland, West Germany, Jamaica and Trinidad.

While Tylenol is the most popular drug of its kind in the U.S. the Chicago poisonings spurred worldwide testing of Tylenol for contamination. Latin American countries have banned imports and other countries are asking tourists to turn in suspect capsules.

The active ingredient of Tylenol is acetaminophen, a medicine used to relieve pain and reduce fever. Unlike aspirin, it does not relieve the redness or swelling cause by arthritis. The U.S. Pharmacopeia (USP), an independent, nonprofit institution set up in 1820 which sets national standards that govern the strength, safety, packaging and labeling of U.S. drugs lists rare and minor side effects with acetaminophen use, and cautions that overdose is very dangerous to children and can cause liver damage.

The USP says that unless otherwise directed by the doctor, children up to 12 years of age should not take acetaminophen for more than five days in a row, adults not more than 10 days in a row. The Philippine

Index of Medical Specialties (March 1982) lists 62 brand names of acetaminophen marketed locally.

Johnson & Johnson (U.S.) is expected to suffer a net reduction in earnings of about \$45 million to \$50 million. Tylenol products account for about 35-40 percent of the U.S. pain relief market, with 1982 sales expected at \$500 million. A subsidiary company, J&J Philippines — a popular maker of baby products — imports the raw materials from the U.S. and makes it here.

"We had great plans for the Tylenol capsules," says Silver Queano, J&J vice president for corporate affairs. "The pattern here is very similar to the U.S. where we slowly gain the market. Most U.S.-trained medical specialists here are familiar with Tylenol. But (because of the Chicago incident) we know we are going to lose."

Of the 28 registered drug companies in the country, 26 are foreign-owned, and are listed among the top 1,000 corporations. Their total annual sales amount to about \$225 million. In recent years, the local drug industry has been under heavy attack from consumer critics and nationalist economists.

The first argument is that the industry is foreign-dominated, 70 percent of the local market in the hands of about 14 multinational companies and about 23 other large foreign companies. The second is that it is not a true drug industry, because it imports raw materials from parent companies abroad (at often exorbitant prices, later passed on to local consumers) and repacked here.

Drug sales in 1980 amounted to \$245.75 million. More than half of that was spent in Metropolitan Manila alone, with a population of seven million. "Drugs have become like other consumer goods that people buy not because of necessity. Drug sales often depend on the companies promotional techniques and the purchasing capacity of a given community," says Professor Vicente Escobar, a government pharmacy consultant in herbal medicine.

She argues that "people in Metro Manila have higher incomes and thus have a greater capacity to buy drugs. They are easily induced to patronize these products, often unnecessarily."

She points out, for instance, that the country spent \$32.7 million in 1980 for cough and cold preparations, although there is still no cure for the common cold. It spent for plaster-like band-aid some \$980,000 although science says that covering minor wounds delays the healing process. While about 8 out of 10 children are malnourished, a small part of the population spent \$753,000 for anti-obesity preparations.

Another Look

A powerful seat for sale!

By Robert Yoakum

The cover of Common Cause magazine says it all. It shows a hand depositing a \$100 bill in a ballot box. Never before in American history has so much money been raised by candidates, from their own pockets and from special interest groups, to win seats in Congress. Never before has so much of Capitol Hill been up for sale.

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"But more and more people who buy congressional seats already have big bucks, right? What does it do for them?"

"What it does is give them *fame*! That means getting your name in the newspapers practically every day! It means being a guest on TV shows! It means being in the World Almanac and Who's Who! It means dinners given in your honor! It means maybe having a hospital or a school named after you! It means visits with the president and his wife at the White House!"

"Now, ladies and gentlemen, that is more than most people would aspire to in their wildest dreams! Money! Fame! But the congressional seat provides even more. It provides ..."

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"Power! Power to shape the laws of this great nation! Power to help your friends and hurt your enemies! But that isn't all! Not by a long shot! Sit in this seat and you get *instant respect* from ambassadors and airline hostesses, generals and admirals, businessmen and union leaders. Why this seat will even get you the *instant and sometimes obsequious attention* of maîtres d' hotel!"

"Then it is, my friends — everything you've always yearned for! Move in a little closer now because we are going to start the bidding!"

"This congressional seat would be a steal at two hundred thousand dollars, but we've got to start somewhere. Ah! I see a lot of hands! Do I hear three hundred thousand? Right! Four? Right! Five? Good! Six? No one for six hundred thousand? All right! Going for five, once! Going for five, twice! Going..."

PATIENTS WITH A CHIP ON THE SHOULDER

STOP KILLING YOURSELF

By Peter J.
Steinrohn
M.D., F.A.C.P.

Dear Dr. Steinrohn: Why should I take up your time when others who are sick need your attention? I'm as healthy as a bull. I'm only here because my wife's been after me to have a checkup. I admit that perhaps I don't live right. But, I know many like myself who overeat and smoke who never had a sick day in their lives. As I said, wouldn't it be silly for me to be looked over? — Mr. T.

Dear Mr. T.: More than you realize, your life's in your own hands. Consequently or unconsciously you may be committing slow suicide. How you live defines your near limits of good health and your far limits of longevity.

Barring unforeseen accident (which is the excuse fatalists like yourself often use) statistics prove the person who is an ally of self-preservation will get more out of life because he will be well enough to enjoy it. He will live long enough to find fulfillment. But, if you mistreat your machine, you side with the force of self-destruction. You actually invite early breakdown and calamity. Unfortunately, many healthy persons like yourself are skeptics. They have to be shown ...

"Prove it," says the two-pack-a-day smoker who disbelieves that tobacco may actually be a suicidal agent — especially for one who has coronary disease. It may not be a rope, knife, gun or deadly drug. Nevertheless, it's an apparently innocuous method of committing slow suicide.

"My heart can take it," says the 40-year-old who overexerts with-

out having had a physical checkup. Such are only a few days in which apparently normal people commit slow suicide. Better listen to your wife, Mr. T. She's trying to nudge you into having a checkup so she won't become a nameless widow.

MEDICALETTERS

(Replies to and from readers):

Dear Dr. Steinrohn: How often should a woman have a Pap test? — Mrs. D.

Dear Mrs. D.: Opinions vary. For example, writing in JAMA (4/21/78) Emerson Day, M.D. of Northwestern University Medical School believes that most women could go two or three years between Pap tests without making much difference in findings of cancer. He thinks that women who have had normal results on two or more negative Pap smears in a row are in such a low risk group, that less frequent tests should suffice. But he says, "This should not be taken in any way to underrate the value of the test."

But other gynecologists argue that as the test is harmless and possibly life-saving, annual (or more frequent) repeat examination should bring the women into the office for examinations that could turn up unrelated problems.

The Pap test is invaluable. Incidence and mortality for cervical cancer have declined since it was first introduced in the 1940s. In 1974, the disease developed in 44 women per 100,000. In 1970, incidence was 8.8 per 100,000. Death rates also dropped.

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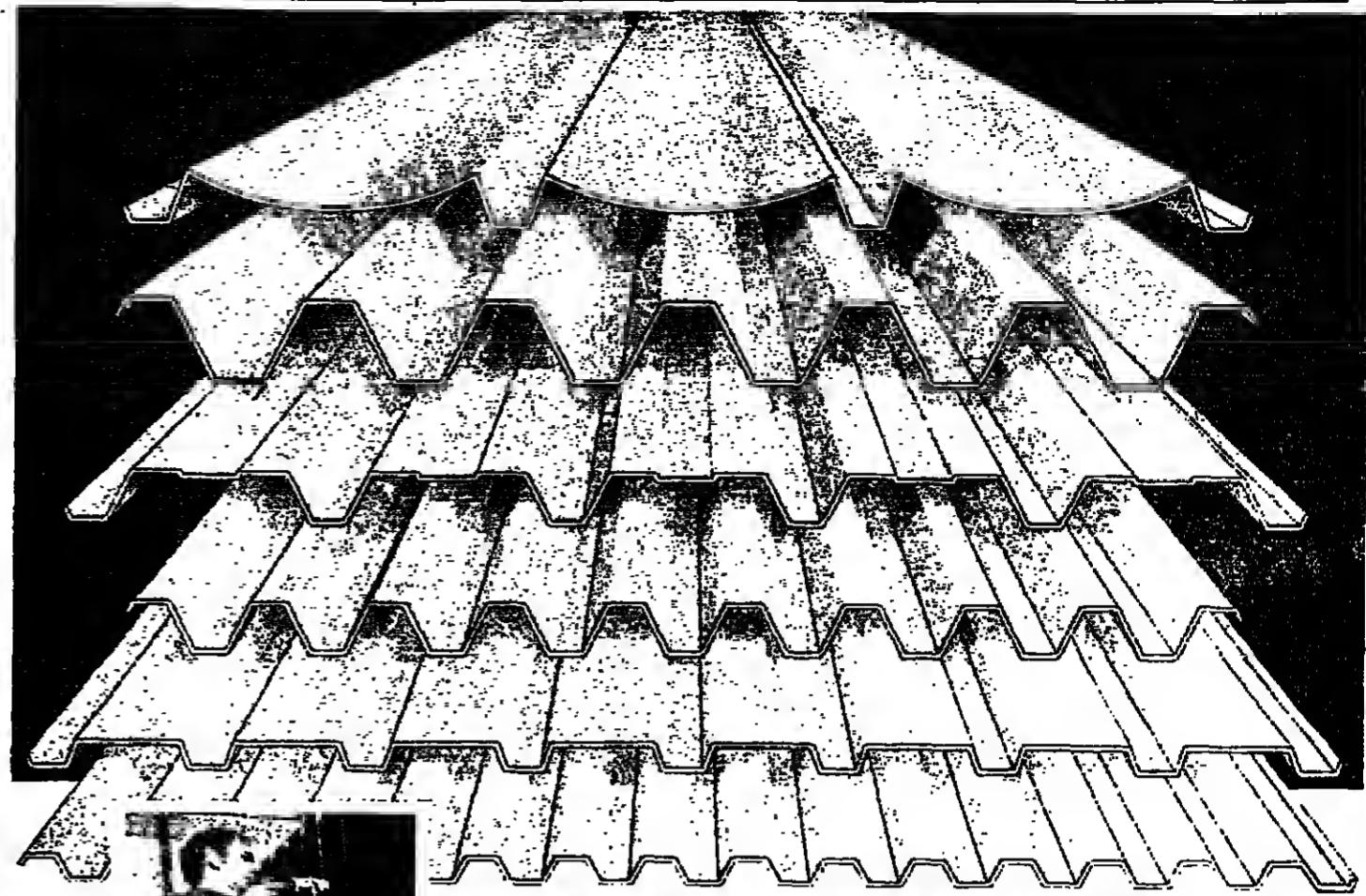
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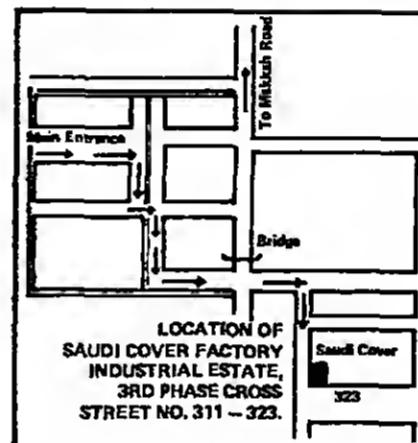


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Weinberger, Prem discuss Cambodia

U.S. will rush arms to Thailand

BANGKOK, Thailand, Nov. 2 (AP) — The United States has promised to speed up military supplies to Thailand, Prime Minister Prem Tinsulanonda said Tuesday after meeting with U.S. Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger.

Weinberger earlier flew in from Singapore where he told a news conference the United States remains committed under the Manila Pact to non-Communist countries in Southeast Asia.

Prem, meeting briefly with newsmen after a luncheon with Weinberger, said the two had discussed the situation along the Thai-Cambodian border and in the region. He noted that United States has recently increased military sales credits to Thailand by \$12.5 million.

This came at the end of fiscal year 1982, and Washington is hoping to increase further its military aid to Thailand this fiscal year. Thailand is Weinberger's second stop in a five-country tour which, according to the U.S. Embassy, is designed to "demonstrate U.S. support for friends and allied nations in the region."

The Manila Pact, signed in 1954, binds the United States to come to the aid of non-Communist allies in Southeast Asia in the event of Communist aggression. But some countries in the region have expressed skepticism about how far the United States would

go, especially after its involvement in Vietnam.

The Association of Southeast Asian Nations is concerned about a growing Soviet naval presence in the area and a hostile Indochina under the sway of Vietnam, which maintains some 180,000 troops in neighboring Cambodia. Some of the U.S. weapons sent to Thailand in recent years have gone to beef up Thai forces on the Cambodian border.

Weinberger departs Wednesday for Indonesia. He is also scheduled to visit Australia and New Zealand. At a news conference before leaving Singapore, he said the United States remains committed under the Manila Pact to non-Communist countries in Southeast Asia.

The Manila Pact was signed in 1954 by the United States, Thailand, the Philippines, Australia, New Zealand, Pakistan, France and Britain. It still exists, although France and Pakistan withdrew and the Southeast Asia Treaty Organization, established as the pact's defense alliance, was disbanded in 1977.

Washington also has expressed its support of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations — ASEAN — formed by Singapore, Malaysia, Thailand, Indonesia and the Philippines.

Weinberger said he had delivered a message from U.S. President Ronald Reagan to

Prime Minister Lee Kuan Yew, but declined to disclose its contents. Weinberger discussed regional defense matters Monday with Lee and the Defense Minister.

He told the news conference it would be useful for the ASEAN nations to have common, interchangeable weapons systems as part of defense arrangements.

Lee recently proposed ASEAN hold military exercises. Bilateral maneuvers are common, but the association has attempted to avoid any measures that would make it appear to be a military alliance.

In answer to questions, Weinberger said there was no need to increase the present strength of the U.S. Seventh Fleet in the region because the American Navy is being increased to an overall strength of 600 major warships and submarines by 1990. He added the Seventh Fleet is capable of flexible movement in the Indian Ocean and the Western and Southern Pacific.

He was asked if the United States would send ground forces to Thailand if it was attacked, and replied that would depend on circumstances at the time, including approval by Congress.

Weinberger was remained of apprehension in the ASEAN nations, which were occupied by Japanese forces in World War II and of the U.S. efforts to get Japan to increase its defense spending.

Soviets block news conference

MOSCOW, Nov. 2 (AP) — Soviet plainclothesmen prevented Western newsmen from attending a press conference called by Moscow's only independent peace group to discuss repressions against members.

Sergei Batovrin, a founder of the group, was to have held his first meeting Monday with correspondents since his release Sept. 7 from a Moscow psychiatric hospital.

"You have two minutes to get out of here," a big man told three correspondents who went to an apartment building for the press conference. "I know what your business is."

The man, who identified himself as a "Soviet citizen," shoved one of the newsmen who asked for an explanation. A Volga automobile — a make commonly used by the Soviet KGB secret police — blocked the entry to the building in northeast Moscow.

Two other Western correspondents who arrived for the evening meeting in a separate car said they were also turned away by three plainclothesmen.

Batovrin, a 25-year-old artist, was arrested last Aug. 6 and told he was to be inducted for military service. His friends said he was taken into custody for his pacifist activities.

In a tape recording smuggled out of Moscow's Psychiatric Hospital No. 14 during his stay there, Batovrin said he was forced to take depressant drugs and was "surrounded by sick people, bars and guards."

Canada cuts immigration

OTTAWA, Nov. 2 (AFP) — With an unemployment rate of more than 12 percent, Canada has decided to reduce immigration by 25 percent next year, Federal Immigration Minister Lloyd Axworthy said here Tuesday. Between 105,000 and 110,000 immigrants will be accepted into this country in 1983, as compared to the 134,000 to 144,000 planned earlier, he said.

The quota for refugees has also been reduced from this year's 14,000 to 12,000 next year, Axworthy continued, adding

that special programs had been set up to reunite refugee families, mainly from Poland, Salvador and Vietnam.

The 1983 program foresees 3,000 arrivals from Southeast Asia, 3,000 from Eastern Europe, 2,000 from South America and the Caribbean, 1,000 from Africa, 800 from the Middle East and 200 from other parts of the world, he said. There is a 2,000 person reserve quota for unforeseen cases, the minister said. These figures did not include the refugees sponsored by private groups, he added.

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Peking won't renew Soviet party ties now

PEKING, Nov. 2 (AP) — Communist China will not restore relations with the Soviet Communist Party before state-to-state relations are normalized, a process that will take a long time, official Chinese sources say.

The sources, who asked not to be identified, said Monday night it was out of the question for party relations to take precedence over state relations between the Communist rivals.

The sources, familiar with recent Sino-Soviet consultations, also said disputes between Moscow and Peking over border troops, Afghanistan, and Vietnam may be solved one-by-one, and need not be solved simultaneously for normalization of ties to take place.

The two nations recently completed their first consultations in three years on improv-

ing ties. A second round will be held in Moscow, probably before the end of the year, diplomatic observers say.

The Chinese sources said, however, a date has not been set and indicated they would watch developments in Cambodia to see if there is the usual dry-season offensive.

During the consultations, China said three major problems must be solved before relations could improve. China wants the redaction and withdrawal of 50 Soviet divisions along the Sino-Soviet border and of other Soviet troops in Mongolia. It also demands withdrawal of Soviet troops from Afghanistan and an end to Soviet support for Vietnam's occupation of Cambodia.

The Chinese sources said, however, they recognized it would be difficult for the Soviets to withdraw all troops because they are also directed at Japan and South Korea and, hence, the United States.

S.A., Angola discuss POWs

LUSAKA, Nov. 2 (R) — U.S. Embassy officials in Lusaka confirmed Tuesday that negotiations were continuing over an exchange of prisoners of war by Angola and South Africa. The officials indicated to give further details but Zambian Home Affairs Minister Frederick Chomba was quoted Monday as saying Lusaka had been chosen for the exchange.

Informed sources said the negotiations involved Angolan, Soviet and Cuban prisoners held by South Africa, and a U.S. pilot, two U.S. mercenaries and the bodies of three South African soldiers held by the Angolan

government. The pilot, Geoffrey Tyler, 32, has been in Angolan custody since early last year when his single-engined plane made an apparent forced landing while heading for South Africa.

The mercenaries, Gary Acker and Gustavo Grillo, are serving long prison sentences in Luanda following their conviction in 1976 of involvement in Angola's post-independence Civil War.

South Africa is believed to have about 100 Angolan and one Cuban prisoner, as well as a Soviet adviser captured last year when South African forces invaded the town of Ongwediva.

Acrobatic thieves lift jewelry

NEW YORK, Nov. 2 (AP) — Police captured two men who allegedly stole \$100,000 in jewelry Monday by swinging down three stories from a rooftop, smashing through a jeweler's office window and battering open a safe with a sledgehammer.

"It was better than Hollywood," said Capt. Arthur Katz, a veteran detective. "I've never seen anything like it." He said the pair tied a rope to the roof of a 10-story building in New York City and swung down three stories, smashing through the window of Peter Brans, a jewelry manufacturer.

When police arrived, the pair escaped

down a rust-weakened fire escape, missing many of its rungs, and reached an adjacent parking garage roof by climbing over a fence and leaping across an alley. Police found Jose Rodriguez, 17, and Roberto Camano, 27, hiding with the jewelry under blankets in a department store van in the garage. They were charged with burglary and possession of stolen property. Katz said.

Katz said several detectives were in the neighborhood on another case when police were alerted by a burglar alarm. The block was surrounded before the two realized police had arrived, he said.

BRIEFS

LONDON (AP) — Britain's Queen Elizabeth II returned here Monday after a four-week tour to the Pacific and some of the most distant member-states of the former British Commonwealth. After ceremonially closing the Commonwealth games in Brisbane, Australia, she visited Papua-New Guinea and the islands of Nauru, Kiribati, Tuvalu, the Solomons and Fiji, all former British colonies.

KUALA LUMPUR (AP) — Three children were drowned in floods here Monday evening and 500 persons were evacuated to higher grounds when heavy monsoon rains

MOULIN (AP) — The Soviet Communist Party newspaper *Pravda* criticized the installation of Sri Lanka of leading Western radio stations like the "Voice of America". These stations were "instruments of psychological war started by the Western powers against Socialist and progressive countries," *Pravda* said. It continued "the broadcasts are aimed at Afghanistan, Iran, India and other countries whose policies upset Washington and its allies."

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MORE TAMPERING: Johnston frozen pies were taken off Mesa county grocery shelves following a report that a tranquilizer had been found in one of the pies. Authorities also were puzzled over Anacin capsules found to be spiked with rat poison, and the incidents followed by two weeks the discovery of acid-laced eyedrops in some American cities.

Man sought for questioning in Tylenol case

CHICAGO, Illinois, Nov. 2 (AP) — Authorities investigating the seven Tylenol-Cyanide deaths issued an all-points bulletin for a man "with a history of mental disorders," Illinois Attorney General Tyrone Fahner said.

Fahner identified the man as Kevin J. Masterson, 35, and said he is wanted for questioning. "An interview with Masterson is essential," Fahner said in a statement released by the multi-agency task force investigating the deaths.

Seven persons died in the Chicago area in late September after swallowing Extra-Strength Tylenol capsules that had been filled with Cyanide.

The FBI is still looking for James W. Lewis, who is charged in an alleged \$1 million extortion attempt from Johnson & Johnson, the parent company of the makers of Tylenol. McNeil Consumer Products Co.

Although Lewis is charged only with extor-

tion, Fahner repeatedly has said authorities want to question him and his wife to see if they know anything about the killings. Fahner said Masterson was believed to be in the vicinity of Murray, Kentucky, driving a car with Illinois license plates.

Murray Police Capt. Dale Spann confirmed his department had received the all-points bulletin issued by Cmdr. Edward Cisowski of the Illinois department of criminal investigation.

"It (the bulletin) says he is wanted for questioning in multiple homicides," said Spann. The bulletin described Masterson as 35 years old, "having a history of mental disorders."

The statement said authorities went to Masterson's Chicago apartment Friday night and recovered "various items," including "substances" that were being tested at state laboratories. There was no elaboration. The statement added that interviews investigators

conducted Saturday and Sunday convinced them Masterson should be questioned.

Masterson's Chicago landlord confirmed that investigators twice had visited the apartment where he lived and seized a suitcase on one of those visits.

Meanwhile, the Tylenol scare continued to produce "copycat" cases and attempts at blackmail.

A man identified as Vernon Williams was arrested in New Jersey and accused of having tried to blackmail the manufacturer of Tylenol by threatening to poison the firm's medicines.

In Roanoke, Virginia, hundreds of bottles of cold remedy were withdrawn from sale Monday after rat poison was found among capsules in one of the boxes.

Elsewhere in Virginia, a woman was arrested on suspicion of having put an irritant in eyedrops, hoping to obtain damages from the store where she bought them.

Rights defenders rap U.S. policy

LIMA, Nov. 2 (AFP) — Human rights defenders criticized here Washington's "permissive" attitude toward authoritarian regimes in Latin America.

The FEDEFAM (Latin American Federation of Associations of Relatives of Detained Disappeared Persons) said in its latest report that the Reagan administration's certification to Congress that human rights abuses were on the wane in such countries as El Salvador permitted the United States to continue sending military aid to repressive regimes.

FEDEFAM said there was little doubt that "we can in the near future expect good conduct certificates for Argentina, Chile and Guatemala — with further arms shipments to those countries."

FEDEFAM is to hold a congress here this week at which it hopes to draft an international convention against "forced disappearance" of persons, an all too familiar phenomenon in many parts of South and Central America.

NATO MPs to meet

BRUSSELS, Nov. 2 (AFP) — Two hundred members of parliament from the 16 member nations of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) will attend the 28th annual session in London (Nov. 15-19), it was announced here Tuesday. Australian MPs will attend the session as observers for the first time.

The agenda includes NATO's nuclear policy, and especially the siōng of Euromissiles, as well as the presence of United States troops in Western Europe.

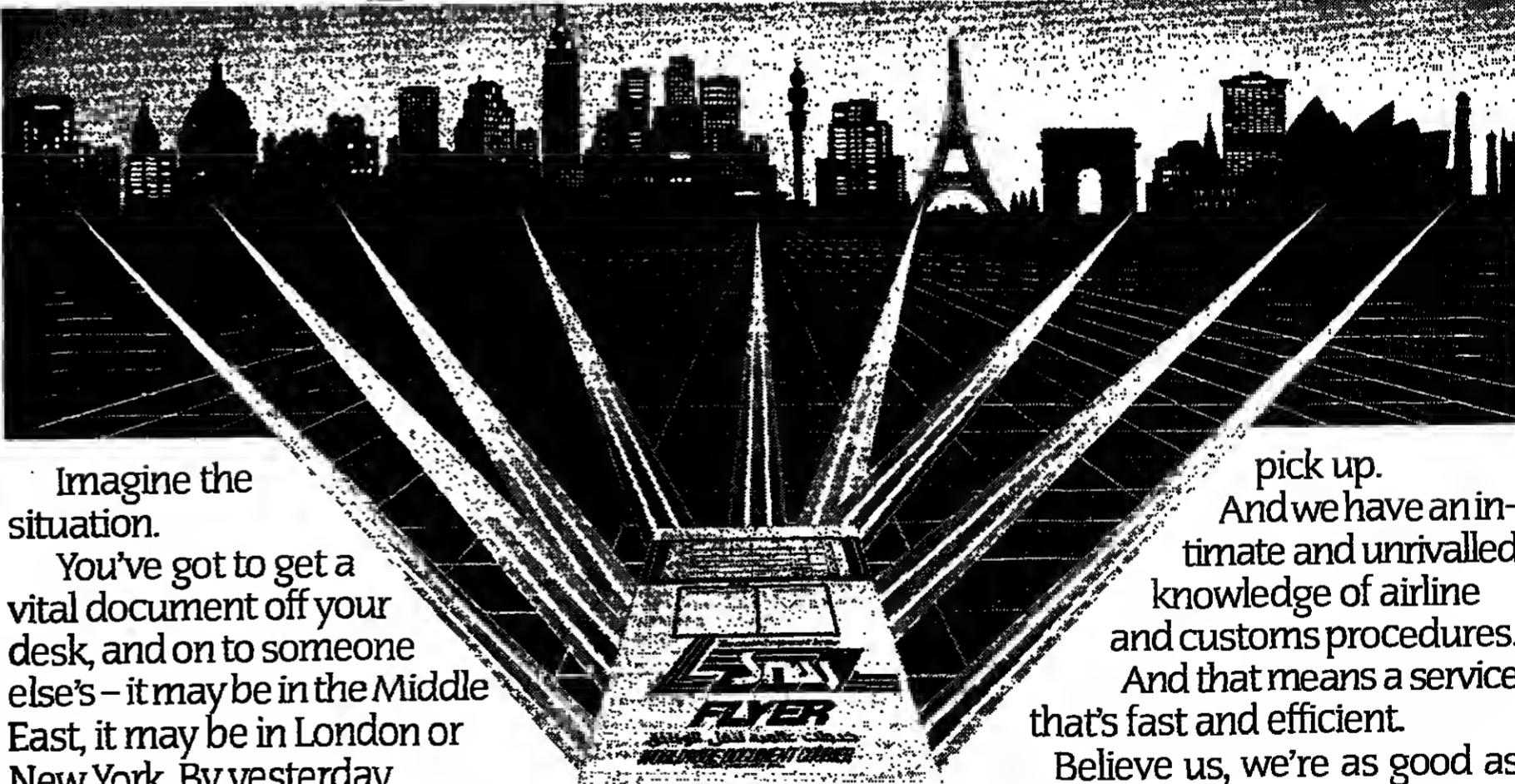
Political subjects will include Poland and East-West relations; Political and economic issues which are dividing NATO allies; sanctions against the Soviet Union; loans to countries in the East European Communist bloc; the Middle East situation. A Japanese parliamentary delegation will also attend the session.

World War I shell kills 2

ARRAS, France, Nov. 2 (AFP) — Two children were killed and a third seriously injured here while playing with a World War I shell which exploded, police reported.

The accident occurred after a group of gypsies, stopping for the night here, found the shell in a field. The children took it to a vacant and were attempting to dismantle it with a hammer and other tools when it exploded. The dead were identified as brothers, aged 11 and 13. The injured was a 13-year-old cousin.

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As shortages abound

Economic crisis grips Sudan

KHARTOUM, Nov. 2 (AP) — Every day scores of cars and trucks stretch like octopus tentacles from the city's few gasoline stations where drivers wait hours in the blistering sun for fuel.

The spectacle of fuel shortages in an Arab capital is more than irony. It graphically portrays the deep economic crisis gripping Africa's largest state and the pro-Western regime of President Jaafar Numeiri.

Sudanese line up for fuel because their country cannot afford to import enough petroleum. This year Sudan expects to spend \$1.49 billion on imports while earning only \$670 million from exports.

That will leave the country with a billion-dollar-trade deficit. Western diplomats estimate the country's total foreign debt around \$5 billion, equal to the entire Sudanese gross national product in 1977.

"You can spend a whole day waiting in lines," explained one motorist. Car owners are entitled to buy about three gallons (about 12 liters) of gasoline every third day.

Trains sit idle for lack of spare parts, and the country's national airline, Sudan Air, has cut back sharply on domestic service. Crops rot in the field because farmers lack fuel to operate harvesting machinery or to bring the

U.S. farm exports decline by 2.6%

WASHINGTON, Nov. 2 (AP) — U.S. Exports of farm produce declined 2.6 percent by volume and 10.7 percent in value in the year ended September 30, preliminary Agriculture Department statistics showed here.

This was the first drop in 12 years in terms of value. The volume of exports was 158,400,000 tons against previous 162,600,000 tons, while the value was \$39.1 billion against \$43.8 billion, reflecting a drop in rates due to lower demand and almost record output.

In a separate report the department said American farmers obtained 5.1 percent less for their produce in October, the sharpest drop since April 1974. A small consolation was a 0.6 percent fall in the cost of fertilizer, seeds, fuel and other costs. The October price level was 0.8 percent below a year earlier, but their costs went up 3.3 percent in the year.

Strike cripples

Mexico airlines

MEXICO CITY, Nov. 2 (R) — Mexicana Airlines, Latin America's biggest carrier, was grounded when its 7,000 airport workers went on strike for a 50 percent pay rise.

A union spokesman said union representatives were talking with management which offered a 25 percent increase. Mexicana, Mexico's two major airlines, was nationalized last July when the Mexican government raised its share in the company to 54 percent.

The Mexicana ground workers union, which is renegotiating its two-year collective contract, recently joined the militant Union of Independent Workers (UOI).

The UOI and the powerful Mexican Workers Confederation say extraordinary pay rises are needed to compensate for accelerating inflation, now running at an annual 75 percent.

Nigeria postpones \$2.5b rail project

LONDON, Nov. 2 (R) — The Nigerian government is postponing a \$2.5 billion railway project because of short-term cash flow problems, bankers quoted a special economic adviser to President Shehu Shagari as saying.

The 250-mile (400 km) railway is to run north from Port Harcourt to Ajaokuta on the River Niger, where a large steel plant is under construction.

Emman Edozien told bankers during meetings here last week that Nigeria planned to raise funds on the international capital markets to clear a backlog of foreign payments. Bankers said recently that Nigeria was lagging three months behind in settling about \$5 billion in trade debts.

Edozien said the government had decided to postpone entering the markets for loans required for the railway project. He added that the project had not been canceled.

U.S. Navy orders N-aircraft carrier

WASHINGTON, Nov. 2 (R) — The navy announced that it had awarded a \$280.9 million contract for work to start on a fifth U.S. nuclear aircraft carrier.

The contract, for initial procurement of materials, was awarded to Newport News Shipbuilding, which has built the other four carriers.

The award was announced on the eve of a tight U.S. Senate race in Virginia between Republican Paul Trile and Democratic Lt. Governor Richard Davis, a former mayor of Portsmouth, near Newport News.

Political analysts said the announcement was certainly aimed at boosting Trile's chances, adding that such last-minute awards have long been part of the campaign strategies of administrations of both parties. Military officials said Newport News Shipbuilding was the only U.S. shipyard capable of building vessels as large as a giant nuclear carrier.

Arab fund grants

N. Yemen \$11 million

ABU DHABI, Nov. 2 (R) — Arab Monetary Fund Tuesday announced a \$11.1 million loan to North Yemen to help it cover its balance of payments deficit.

The three-year loan is repayable in four equal installments with an 18-month grace period, at 3.5 percent interest in the first year and 4.75 percent in the second year.

The fund, which loaned North Yemen a similar amount for the same purpose in Dec. 1981, did not say whether any interest would be charged in the third year, nor did it say what the deficit was.

Top U.S. firms profits drop by 18 percent

NEW YORK, Nov. 2 (AP) — The United States' leading companies recorded an overall 18 percent net profit decline in the third quarter this year as against a year earlier, the *Wall Street Journal* estimated.

Western critics place the blame on government mismanagement of economic development projects during the early years of the regime and its fascination with Socialism and the Soviet Union.

During the mid-1970s, Sudan borrowed nearly \$2.5 billion to finance projects but later found hard currency reserves eaten away by debt servicing then those projects failed to generate enough revenue to pay off the loans.

A joint study by the ministry of industry found, for example, that all seven plants built by the Soviets in 1965 and 1966 for the food industries corporation were failures.

"People have to borrow just to make ends meet," explained one Sudanese. "They borrow from relatives or from the merchants. There is no other way for them to survive."

An estimated one million Sudanese —

Covering deep-sea mining U.K. urged to shun sea treaty

LONDON, Nov. 2 (AP) — Britain and other countries were urged Tuesday not to sign the draft law of the sea treaty because an independent report claimed it would allow terrorist organizations to share in revenues from international mining operations on the ocean floor.

The report, published by the Institute for European Defense and Strategic Studies of London, said the treaty permits U.N.-recognized liberation groups to join the administration of a proposed international sea bed authority and to receive some of its income.

The worst-hit sectors were steel, metals, motors, building, aviation and other transportation, large domestic appliances, chemicals and oil.

French prices up

PARIS, Nov. 2 (R) — French industrial wholesale prices rose a provisional 0.1 percent in September, after a 0.3 percent rise in August, revised from a 0.4 percent rise, the National Statistics Institute said.

In the year September wholesale prices rose 8.8 percent compared with 9.7 percent in August.

Giving coastal nations unchallenged rights to oil, gas and minerals on the continental shelf up to 350 miles (563 km) offshore.

Simon Webley, who wrote the institute's report, said the treaty "could enable national liberation movements to receive considerable sums to forward their objectives in ways which may involve terrorism."

Given the political complexion of the U.N. General Assembly, it is not at all fanciful, for instance, to suppose that one day the Irish Republican Army might persuade a majority at the U.N. to recognize it as a legitimate liberation movement," he wrote.

The treaty calls for a U.N. agency to control and regulate deep-sea mining and exploit the oceans' mineral resources — mainly high-value manganese — in parallel with private consortiums.

The treaty also could be used as a total "unsuitable precedent" for the economic development of the Antarctic when the treaty covering that area comes up for reconsideration in 1996, the report warned.

Webley stressed that under the draft treaty, Britain would have to share with the proposed sea bed authority any economic benefit it may derive from its ownership of Rockall, a bleak Atlantic outcrop 230 miles (370 km) from the Scottish coast.

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U.K. sets spending at \$ 205b

LONDON, Nov. 2 (R) — The British cabinet Tuesday set higher state spending plans for next year on the eve of the formal opening of parliament by Queen Elizabeth. government sources said.

Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher held a special cabinet meeting to agree a figure for government spending in the new financial year starting in April. The sources said the sum fixed was in line with her administration's target of 121 billion sterling (\$205 billion) — six billion sterling (\$10 billion) higher than this year's estimate.

Full details of the 1983-84 spending plans will be disclosed by Sir Geoffrey Howe, the chancellor of the exchequer, in a statement later this month, they said.

Mrs. Thatcher's ministers also discussed the government's legislative program for what is bound to be the last full session of

parliament before the next general election. Her right-wing Conservative government must seek re-election by May 1984 when its five-year term in office expires. Many politicians, economists and commentators believe she will call the election next year, probably in October.

Public opinion polls show the Thatcher administration enjoys widespread support despite stringent economic policies that have contributed to record unemployment of 3.3 million.

A poll last week showed Mrs. Thatcher's Conservative Party with a 35 percent popularity rating — 11.5 percent higher than the Labor opposition's.

The new third force in British politics, the minority Liberal Party and its Social Democratic allies, together gained the support of 27

Miners reject strike option

LONDON, Nov. 2 (AP) — Britain's powerful coalminers' union defied its leadership Tuesday and voted overwhelmingly against a strike over pay and planned pit closures. The vote — 125,233 to 81,592 against a walkout — was a defeat for anti-miners' leader Arthur Scargill who had barnstormed the country seeking strike authorization. He termed the vote an "temporary setback" and warned the union plans to fight planned pit closures. It also headed off a major labor union challenge to Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's Conservative government, already facing widespread labor unrest over anti-union curbs and his wage restraint policy.

Results of last week's two-day vote, which were leaked over the weekend but officially announced Tuesday, found 61 percent of the 206,825 miners who voted rejecting a strike and 39 percent supporting one. The vote indicated the miners' willingness to accept an 8.2 percent pay hike offer from the state-run National Coal Board.

Foreign Exchange Rates

Quoted at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday		
	Cash	Transfer
Kuwaiti Dinar	9.10	9.135
Bangladesh Taka	14.70	14.70
Belgian Franc (1,000)	69.90	69.90
Canadian Dollar	281.50	281.50
Cypriot Lira	6.95	6.95
Danish Krone (1,000)	135.25	135.10
Dutch Guilder (1,000)	124.60	124.60
Egyptian Pound	3.35	3.34
Emirates Dirham (100)	93.25	93.70
French Franc (100)	48.13	47.95
French Drachma (1,000)	47.73	47.73
Indian Rupee (100)	35.43	35.43
Iranian Rial (100)	4.25	4.25
Iraqi Dinar (1,000)	23.70	23.60
Iraqi Dinar (100)	2.20	2.20
Jordanian Dinar	9.50	9.47
Kuwaiti Dinar	11.76	11.73
Lebanese Lira (100)	81.50	81.33
Moroccan Dirham (100)	51.75	54.45
Pakistani Rupee (100)	29.25	27.08
Philippine Peso (100)	39.35	39.35
Pound Sterling	5.82	5.80
Qatari Rial (100)	93.50	94.56
Singapore Dollar (1,000)	14.50	14.50
Spanish Peseta (1,000)	30.20	29.50
Sri Lankan Rupee (100)	157.15	156.95
Syrian Lira (1,000)	60.00	59.95
U.S. Dollar	3.45	3.44
Venezuelan Rial (100)	75.25	75.10
Selling Price		
Gold (g)	46,300	48,000
Gold bar	5,620	5,580
Silver	1,500	1,470

The above cash and transfer rates are supplied by Al-Rajhi Company for Currency Exchange & Commerce, Gabel St., Tel. 6476196, Jeddah.

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U.N. budget for 1982 totals \$ 1.6b

UNITED NATIONS, Nov. 2 (AP) — The 1982 budgets of the United Nations and its affiliated agencies were reported to total \$1.63 billion, compared with \$1.47 billion in 1981.

The sum assessed against the organization's member countries for their support was \$1.51 billion for this year, against \$1.42 billion for last year. Some activities are covered by voluntary contributions.

The figures were supplied to the General Assembly by the U.N. advisory committee on administrative and budgetary questions. The report showed 24,117 people were on the regular payroll of the United Nations and the 12 agencies in 1982, compared with 23,845 in 1981.

The United Nations budget for 1982 was given as \$63.8 million. The agencies' budget figures in dollars were: International Labor Organization 11.9 million, World Health Organization 23.4 million, World Meteorological Organization 17.5 million, Food and Agriculture Organization 18.3 million, International Fund for Agricultural Development 2 million, International Maritime Organization 1.1 million, International Civil Aviation Organization 2.4 million, Universal Postal Union 1.1 million, International Atomic Energy Agency 8.6 million and U.N. Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization 2 million.

Nearly all international loans have stipulations that lenders should be treated equally so that if one gets a court judgment that the poor owner is in default, then the rest are entitled to the same claim.

Bankers said they were optimistic that a rescheduling could be worked out by the end of the year with Costa Rica, which has total foreign debts of more than \$3.5 billion. With over \$500 billion in debts, many Third World and Eastern bloc countries have been unable to keep up their repayment schedules and have been forced to ask for postponement of both interest and principal falling due.

Mexico, for instance, has external debts of \$80 billion, the world's largest, and has had to seek a rescheduling of its debt repayments to more than 500 foreign banks.

Major banks have avoided forcing debtor countries into formal default, mainly for fear that they might not recover much of the money if a country decided it was cheaper to fight it out in the courts rather than pay up.

This would leave the creditors with few real options other than seizing a debtor country's assets held abroad, such as ships and planes, which in most cases would be insignificant when set against the size of the loans.

In October last year the reserves stood at \$23.32 billion. The tragedy said it repaid \$57 million relating to the IMF oil facility in October. The quarterly rollover of the European Monetary Coordinating Fund swap agreement resulted in a valuation increase of \$248 million.

New public borrowing under the exchange cover scheme totaled \$4 million all by the highland Regional Council, it said. Total repayments under the scheme were \$56 million, including 25 million by British Steel Corp. and \$20 million by the National Coal Board.

Robot can handle hazardous tasks

TOKYO, Nov. 2 (AP) — A flexible, fully computerized robot designed to work inside a nuclear reactor and other areas hazardous to human beings was unveiled by the Toshiba Corp.

The new robot consists of a single eight-jointed arm fitted with touch sensors that snakes about like a giant elephant's trunk. "Traditionally you see industrial robots where the freedom of movement is quite limited", said Yuji Wakayama, a Toshiba public relations official.

Toshiba envisions the robot as performing inspection chores in areas inaccessible to humans, such as in nuclear reactors, oceanic projects and, in the future, nuclear fusion reactors. The highlights of the robot are complex software and universal joints that afford a flexibility Toshiba says is unique.

percent of those questioned. Nearly three out of five people in the survey thought the Conservative would win the next election.

Official sources said the government's program for the new parliamentary session must seek to propose to break the monopolies of some state-owned firms by selling shares in British Telecom, the national telecommunications firm, and British Shipbuilders.

Private industry would be encouraged to generate and sell electricity, and subsidies by local authorities for public transport would be regulated, the sources said. Other measures envisaged include the easing of immigration rules to allow women immigrants to bring their foreign husbands and fiancées into Britain.

Costa Rica faces default suit

GENEVA, Nov. 2 (R) — In a move that could spark similar actions elsewhere, a Swiss investor has taken legal action to have Costa Rica formally declared in default on a loan.

The Banque Gutwiler, Kurz, Bungeier said Tuesday the unnamed Swiss investor has asked a Geneva court to declare Costa Rica in default on a 20 million Swiss franc (\$9.13 million) bond issue that the bank arranged in 1980.

Costa Rica, which has been negotiating the rescheduling of about \$1 billion of its foreign debts because of a prolonged slump in coffee exports, has not paid any interest on the bond issue since October, 1981. Arrears total 2.1 million francs (\$460,000).

Soviets to set up biggest solar unit

MOSCOW, Nov. 2 (AFP) — The Soviet Union plans to set up the world's biggest solar power station, rated 320 megawatts, in Uzbekistan, Tass news agency reported Tuesday. Currently solar power stations are rated to a mere 10 megawatts. The planned station will have a 200 meter (over 600 feet) tower housing a steam raising unit, and 72,000 computer-controlled mirrors. Steam will be produced at 130 atmospheres pressure and 500 degrees centigrade to drive a turbo-generator connected to the central Asian grid. When there is no sun, the power station can be gas-fired.

BRIEFS

NEW YORK, (AP) — NCR Corporation, the number four U.S. computer firm, announced a new data processing unit called tower 1632 that can be included in systems marketed by other companies. The unit is the first of a series of new generation NCR products, and the basic unit for word-processing, data communication and electronic mail, the firm said. Tower 1632 will be available from spring next year at a price of \$12,000.

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With scintillating knock

Hooke boosts Test prospects

ADELAIDE, Nov. 2 (AFP) — South Australian captain David Hookes almost certainly earned himself a place in Australia's first Test team to meet England in Perth on Friday week with a powerful innings of 74 against the touring side at the Adelaide Oval Tuesday.

The 27-year-old left-hander struck a six and nine boundaries in his 133 minute 74 just hours before the Australian team meet here to pick the first Test combination. Hookes could hardly have been

more impressive before he deflected a catch to Derek Randall at silly mid-on from the economical and awkward off-spinner Eddie Hemmings.

Hookes performance followed his impressive centuries in both innings of the recent match against Victoria. By stumps, on the third day, England had established an overall lead of 238 runs with six second innings wickets standing. England was four for 90 in its second innings after having a first innings lead of 148.

South Australia escaped the follow-on by two runs, but it is doubtful if the touring side's captain Ian Botham would have enforced the follow-on in order to allow his top order batsmen more practice.

When England batted again out-of-form opener Graeme Fowler was distinctly unfortunate when he was accidentally run out by South Australian medium pacer Andrew Sincock, who deflected a dropped catch from Chris Tavaré into the wicket with Fowler out of ground.

Fowler has a top score of 22 in six innings on tour, but his main challenger for the Test position, Geoff Cook, also failed, trapped lbw by leg-spinner Peter Sleep for five.

With six hours remaining for a decision, England's lead of 238 should be sufficient to prevent any possibility of South Australia gaining a shock win through a second innings bombardment by Hookes. Apart from the magnificent performance of Hookes, Peter Sleep hit a fine half century and Kevin Wright made 65 not out in 152 minutes with five boundaries.

Botham used off spinner Hemmings for a lengthy period, allowing him to finish with the impressive figures of four for 182 from 44.3 overs. But the surprise packet was left-arm orthodox spinner Cook, who captured three for 47 from 17 overs.



OFF THEY GO: An enthusiastic multitude pour out onto the streets of Paris after being flagged off for the annual Paris to Versailles Cross Country race Sunday. The race was won by Frenchman Jacky Boisberger, who clocked 50 minutes and 55 seconds. Briton Bernie Ford came in second.

In Jeddah Softball

Killer Bees stung into action

By Jim Heart

JEDDAH, Nov. 2 — From this date on, you will be able to follow the weekly action of the Pro Jeddah Softball League on this page. There are three games every night Saturday through Wednesday at 6.30, 7.45 and 9.00 p.m. All games are presently held under the lights at the North Campus field adjacent to Raytheon compound approximately four to five kilometers north of Saudi City. Entrance is open to public and admission is free.

With the new wide open rules this year, the games are proving to be more exciting than ever. There are four divisions with returning champions in each division hoping for a repeat performance of last year. The 'A' Division is made up of some old and new teams. The past champions, the Alsalam Meriden Vets were shocked by the Lockheed I team in their first contest of the season but returned to swamp previously unbeaten BD All Stars.

The Killer Bees are proving to have an on-going, off-again stinging capability by losing two then buzzing back to beat Lockheed I and the BD All Stars in successive.

games. The champs of effort, Pratt & Whitney Eagles, are still looking for their first win after receiving a drubbing from the Alsalam Meriden Vets by a score of 23-2.

In upcoming weeks we will be highlighting the different teams in each of the divisions as well as covering some of the action of the games.

Oct. 24: Blue Angels 16, Whittaker (W); Tristar (W) 10, Hyatt Touch of Class; Raytheon ADI 6, DATAC 4. (Oct. 25) Raytheon ADI 14, PCS 12; Lockheed 112, Pratt/Whitney Eagles 3; Meriden Vets 10. BD All Stars 8. (Oct. 26) Mobil (W) 13, Whittaker (W) 6; Raytheon R&R 11, Sogex 4. (Oct. 27) ICAO 7, Whittaker 0; Meriden Vets 23, Pratt/Whitney Eagles 2; Killer Bees 7, BD All Stars 6.

Oct. 29: Raytheon R&R 10, Pan Am 6; Sogex 9, U.S. Corp. of Engineers 8; Lockheed 11, DATAC 9. (Oct. 30) Killer Bees 12, Lockheed 14; BD All Stars 14. Pratt/Whitney Eagles 11; Pan Am 16, Whittaker 11. (Oct. 31) Hyatt Touch of Class 18, Mobil (W) 5; Raytheon ADI 11. Parsons Daniel 8.

Standings

"A" (Coral) Division				"C" (Oasis) Division				
W	L	RF	RA	W	L	RF	RA	
Lockheed I	4	1	42	30	Lockheed II	2	0	28
Alsalam M. V.	2	1	38	19	Raytheon ADI	4	0	28
BD All Stars	4	2	75	41	Mobil	1	1	34
Killer Bees	2	2	29	27	Parsons Daniel	1	2	24
P/W. Eagles	0	6	29	96	Bendix	1	2	24
				DATAC	0	2	13	
				PCS	2	1	27	
				KAI	0	2	18	
					0	1	7	
						10		
"B" (Coral) Division				Ward Division				
W	L	RF	RA	W	L	RF	RA	
Raytheon R&R	3	0	39	13	Tri-Stars (W)	3	0	60
Pan Am	1	1	23	19	Blue Angels	1	0	32
U.S. Corp. of Engineers	1	1	20	19	Hyatt T. of C.	2	1	39
ICAQ	1	2	28	29	Mobil (W)	1	2	20
Sogex	1	2	20	41	U.S. Corp. of E. (W)	0	2	4
MOPCI	0	1	3	18	Whittaker (W)	0	3	8

**To Win Le Mans once,
you've got to be great.
To win seven times,
you've got to be Porsche.**

Mulsanne, France, June 20 - It was business as usual at the 24-hour endurance test of man and machine they call Le Mans.

The race was grueling. The heat, intense. The winner, Porsche.

In one of the strongest fields ever to compete at Le Mans, it was not, as anticipated, a battle of Porsche against Ferrari and Lancia.

But rather a battle of Porsche against Porsche.

Making their Le Mans debut were three new factory-entered Rothmans' Porsche 956 Group C Racers. Not only did they lead all but four of the 24 hours. They swept first, second and third place.

First went to Jacky Ickx and Derek Bell. Second to Jochen Mass and Vern Schuppan. And third to Hurley Heywood, Al Holbert and Jürgen Barth.

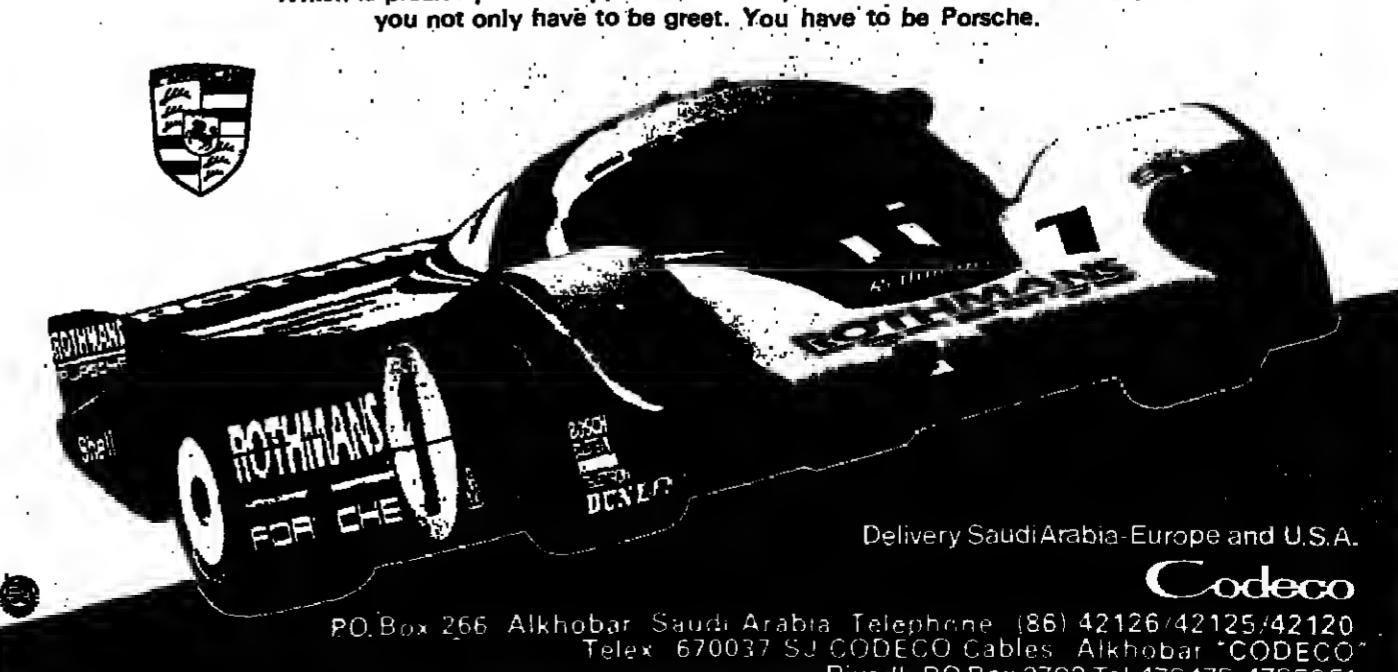
But Porsche didn't stop there. Fourth place was taken by John Fitzpatrick and David Hobbs in a 935 Turbo. And fifth place by Danny Sobeck, François Servanin and René Metge in a 935 Turbo.

And for the record, Doc Bundy and Jim Busby won the IMSA GT category in a BF Goodrich Porsche Carrera Turbo.

Why do we finish so prominently in the race so few even finish? Because at Porsche, we put the best engineering into our cars.

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Bowie Kuhn voted out by owners

CHICAGO, Nov. 2 (R) — Major League club owners voted Monday to replace Bowie Kuhn as baseball commissioner. The American and National Leagues held separate meetings on whether to retain Kuhn, who began his first term as commissioner in 1969.

Kuhn needed three-quarters of the vote in both leagues — 10 of the 14 teams in the American and nine of 12 in the National — to keep his job. He survived the American League vote, 11-3 in his favor, but met his downfall in the National League balloting, which was only 7-5 to retain him.

The club owners decided not to reveal what teams voted against Kuhn in the National League. But baseball sources said the five probably were the St. Louis Cardinals, Houston Astros, New York Mets, Atlanta Braves and Chicago Cubs.

It was not immediately known if the club owners would ask Kuhn to stay on until his seven-year contract expired in August 1983 or whether they would appoint a successor immediately.

When he became commissioner in 1969, Kuhn succeeded retired U.S. Army General William Eckert. Kuhn was elected to a second seven-year term in 1975, although some club owners tried to oust him at that time.

The first commissioner Judge Kenesaw Mountain Landis, appointed in 1920 after the post was created as a result of the "Black Sox" scandal in the 1919 World Series.

Several months after that series, some of the Chicago White Sox players confessed they had accepted money from gamblers to "fix" some games, letting the Cincinnati Reds win the best-of-nine series-3.

Albert Chandler, a former governor of Kentucky, and Ford Frick, a former sports journalist, served as commissioners between the regimes of Landis and Eckert.

Williams upsets Phil Kenyon

LONDON, Nov. 2 (AFP) — Australian Dean Williams ousted British squash champion Phil Kenyon in the first round of the ICI Perspex World Masters Squash Tournament at Leicester Monday.

Williams won 9-5, 9-3, 9-2 in just 48 minutes. He attacked superbly throughout with early volleys and was always in control. Afterward a disappointed Kenyon, who has not played in this country since the British Open in April, praised the transparent Perspex court which allows spectators to watch on all sides, the first time such a court has been used in squash history.

Kenyon said: "It's an exciting improvement and should help to get squash on television."

Earlier, Hiday Jahan, the London-based Pakistani, easily beat Britain's John Easter 9-1, 9-1, 9-2, Easter 37, was still tired after winning the Mercia Open Sunday.

Score-board

England (1st innings)	492	for 9 dec.
South Australia (1st innings)		
R. Darling b Pringle	39	
W. Phillips b Botham	5	
A. Sincock c Randall b Hemmings	38	
R. Zadran b Hemmings	11	
DI Hookes c Randall b Hemmings	74	
P. Sleep c Botham b Cook	51	
K. Wright not out	65	
C. Harris c Fowler b Cook	22	
R. Christensen b Pringle	3	
A. Sincock c Botham b Cook	24	
M. Dotman c Cook b Hemmings	0	
Extras	12	
Total	344	
Fall of wkt:	1-9, 2-71, 3-90, 4-105, 5-210, 6-241, 7-239, 8-284, 9-341.	
Bowling: Botham 5-1-18-1; Pringle 17-3-60-2; Jackson 10-0-26-0; Hemmings 44-3-12-102-4; Miller 16-1-79-0; Cook 17-4-47-3.		
England (2nd innings)		
G. Fowler run out	12	
C. Tavaré c Wright b Harris	38	
G. Cook lbw Sleep	5	
D. Randall bating	14	
A. Lamb b Sleep	17	
R. Jackson bating	0	
Extras	4	
Total (for 4 wkt.)	90	
Fall of wkt:	1-41, 2-47, 3-65, 4-90.	
Bowling: Christensen 6-1-15-0; Sincock 7-2-22-0, Sleep 12-7-23-2; Harris 10-2-26-1.		

Transcontinental cricketers rule the roost

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, Nov. 2 — It was a big day for the Transcontinental teams last Friday. Both their 'A' and 'B' strings made the semifinals of the Western Province Cricket League Six-A-Side Tournament in style.

And while Transcontinental enjoyed good fortune, Dame Fortune, however, did not smile on any of the three Petromin sides — of which two saw action for the first time in the tournament last weekend — in fray. Their 'C' team faltered in the first round itself, while its premier side, along with its 'B' squad, were bundled out in the second round quarterfinals. And a quirk of fate saw their 'C' and 'A' squads crash to Transcontinental sides.

The day itself began with a thriller. Transcontinental 'B' and Petromin 'C' were engaged in a seesaw battle for the right to meet Abdullah Hashim 'B' in the quarterfinals. And Transcontinental earned the right on the last ball of the five-over per-side contest.

The result seemed unlikely when Petromin 'C' rattled up 76 on the strength of Tariq Ali Khan's unbeaten 45, which fetched him the man-of-the-match award, with Transcontinental suffering an early setback, losing opener Jawed, in their quest. Petromin must now be ruing their sloppy fielding, which

looked all set to coast through to the semifinals. But they stumbled in the final stretch.

The exit of Nawab Chisti (25) and Suhail (31) saw the remaining wickets fold like a pack of cards. And Avco Dallah scraped home by four runs.

Amjad Sani cracked a stylish 52, inclusive of two sixers, as Transcontinental 'A' rode on his fine knock to a 13-run victory over Petromin 'A'. Transcontinental, batting first, with Abdullah Hashim 'B' notching 61 runs, after making first use of the strip. Shahid scoring 33 of the total. Zahid Shah (38) and Jawed (17) paced Transcontinental to a five-w

McEnroe downs Vitas to make final

PERTH, Australia, Nov. 2 (AP) — John McEnroe qualified for the final of the Swan Challenge (knockout) Tennis Competition Tuesday when he beat fellow-American Vitas Gerulaitis 6-4, 4-6, 6-3.

The match was keenly fought and displayed an aspect of McEnroe's makeup not often seen on the tennis court — a sense of humor. The players joked with the gallery and appeared to approach the game in a light-hearted fashion.

McEnroe took charge early in the first set which was highlighted by brilliant strokes from both players. Everything went according to service until the fifth game when McEnroe broke through — with a little help from his opponent. Gerulaitis was 0-40 down until he double faulted and gave McEnroe the leeway he needed.

Normally McEnroe would have taken full toll of the advantage but he lapsed in concentration and allowed Gerulaitis to break his service in the next game. It did not last, however, and McEnroe then showed the characteristics that have made him one of the great players the world — he took charge of his opponent's service.

Gerulaitis rebounded in the second set when he opened by breaking service. The next two games followed the same pattern until McEnroe finally held his service to end the run.

At this stage, the world's No. 2 player appeared to be losing his composure, but kept fighting before going down 4-6. The fate of the match was sealed in just ten minutes of blistering tennis from McEnroe when he opened up an early 3-0 margin in the final set.

Meanwhile, Mats Wilander, who has won two of his last three tournaments, dropped only three games Monday in his opening round match with fellow-Swede Peter Carlsson in the \$300,000 Stockholm Open Championship.

Wilander, top-seeded for the first time in a super series event, won 6-0, 6-3. It was the first time in four matches the French Open champion had beaten Carlsson, but they faced each other last time four years ago. "I felt very loose in the first set. But maybe I was hitting the ball too hard, I got tired in the second," the 18-year-old Wilander said.

Clocking 21 secs. in 200m

Malaysian sets Asian mark

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia, Nov. 2 (AP) — Malaysia's sprint king, Rabuan Pit, broke the Asian Games record of 21.09 seconds for the 200-meter event Tuesday when he clocked 21 seconds during the five-nation association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Athletics Championship being held here.

The Asian Games record was set by Anant Ratnai of Thailand in 1974 in Teheran. The 26-year-old police inspector, who recently recovered from a thigh injury, set a scorching pace to hit the tape a good five meters ahead of his nearest rival, Indonesia's Purnomo, who clocked 21.8.

Rabuan is to participate in the Asian Games in New Delhi later this month. Rabuan's race capped a fine start to the two-day championships, which began Tuesday with competitors from the Philippines, Thailand, Indonesia, Singapore and Malaysia participating. Athletes are using the Games here as a warm-up to the Nov. 10-Dec. 4 Asian Games.

In the 400-meter hurdles both, Susan Arangote of the Philippines and R. Selvarani of Malaysia, broke the Asian meet record. Selvarani was a 0.1 seconds behind the Filipino, who clocked 62.2 seconds, her personal best.

Selvarani started off strongly but Arangote drew level at the 100-meter mark and from then on it was a two-women race.



SWIFT MOVE: New Jersey Devils' goalkeeper Glenn Reach positions himself to ward off a threat from Calgary Flames' Jamie Bishop, but he was caught on the wrong foot as Bishop switched the puck to Kevin Lavallee to find the mark. Lavallee got two goals while Lanny McDonald scored three in the Flames' 6-3 victory over the Devils in the National Hockey League match in East Rutherford Monday.

Lamb in U.N. blacklist

LONDON, Nov. 2 (Agencies) — Allan Lamb, the South African-born cricketer currently playing for England on the Australian tour, is the latest blacklisted of sportsmen issued Tuesday by the United Nations special committee against apartheid.

Lamb became eligible to play for England this summer after completing the 10-year residential rule, and his "crime" was to play for Western Province in the 1981-82 season in South Africa. His inclusion on the black list taking in the first six months of this year, could cause added complications for the Test and County Cricket Board (TCCB).

As expected, all 13 English cricketers who toured South Africa in March this year, are on the list and they have already been banned from Test cricket for three years.

Among the more prominent names in the third issued by the United Nations are Rugby players Andy Irvine, of Scotland and Dusty Hart of England, who competed in the King Boot event in Durban earlier this year and

the entire Cardiff, Gloucester and Bangor Rugby clubs, who have all toured South Africa.

Sportsmen from Britain and the United States continue to be the main offenders against the sports boycott of South Africa.

The apartheid regime and its sports bodies have attempted to counter the growing isolation through secret deals to entice individual sportsmen by offers of exorbitant fees or prize money."

"But these deals only provoked stronger opposition in South Africa and abroad," the U.N. center against apartheid said in a preamble to the "register of sports contacts with South Africa".

It lists sports exchange with South Africa between January 1 and June 30 this year and names sportsmen and women who took part in events in South Africa. Britain tops the list of 30 countries with more than 100 sportsmen and women named. The United States is second with 45.

Swede shoots to first gold

CARACAS, Nov. 2 (R) — Sweden's Ragnar Skanaker scored 568 points to become free pistol champion and win the first gold of the 43rd World Shooting Championship which started here Monday.

Skanaker scored only one point more than Soviet world record holder Alexander Melentieff who won the silver medal and five more than Antony Egrishin, also of the Soviet Union, who got the bronze. In the free pistol team event the gold medal was won by the Soviet Union with 2,248 points. The United States took second place with 2,211 and China was third with 2,207.

In the air rifle team competition Norway struck gold with 2,309 points against 2,304 for West Germany, with France finishing third with 2,297 points.

Soviets forge ahead

LUCERNE, Switzerland, Nov. 2 (R) — The Soviet Union has taken the lead in the World Chess Olympiad, with 10.5 points out of a possible 12, after beating the United States 3-1 in the third round of play.

The Soviets are followed by Yugoslavia and West Germany, equal second with 10 points, and England, Czechoslovakia, Sweden and Switzerland, all with 9.5 points. The U.S., Hungary, Argentina and Indonesia, all with nine points, come next, followed by the Netherlands, Cuba, Canada, Denmark and China with 8.5 points.

Craig Stadler tops

NEW YORK, Nov. 2 (AFP) — Craig Stadler, winner of four tournaments, including the Masters, was the biggest money winner on the United States PGA Golf tour this year. Stadler accumulated \$446,462 from tournament play. Ray Floyd was next on the winning list with \$386,809.

Kenyan keeps lead

NEW DELHI, Nov. 2 Kenya's Jayant Shah, in a Datsun Violet, led the remaining 29 cars, from a field of 72, after the second leg of the Himalayan Car Rally. Austrian Rudi Stol in a Lada and last year's winner Ramesh Khoda in a Datsun were second and third in three years time.

Emlyn Jones to retire

LONDON, Nov. 2 (AFP) — Emlyn Jones, one of the best known administrators in British sport, is to retire as director general of the Sports Council. Jones will give up his 25,000 pounds a year position at the end of January. He has been director general for five years and was expected to carry on until his retirement in three years time.

Gurner's Lane wins

MELBOURNE, Nov. 2 (AFP) — Gurner's Lane, the Australian-bred winner of the Caulfield Cup in Melbourne two weeks ago, won the \$290,595 Melbourne Cup ahead of favorite Kingston Town with Noble Compton third, here Tuesday.

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PARIS, Nov. 2 (AFP) — England's six-year-old grip on the European Champions' Cup is unlikely to be shaken when this week's second round ties reach their conclusion.

Title-holders Aston Villa have the luxury of a 2-0 lead at home to Dynamo Bucharest of Romania, while three-times former winners Liverpool, who play Tuesday night, surely must more than avenge their first-leg humiliation when they went down 0-1 to HJK Helsinki in Finland.

With Dynamo Kiev of the USSR already through because of Necstori Tirana's withdrawal, three quarterfinal places seem assured.

The other five ties are wide-open. Glasgow Celtic of Scotland have the hardest task at

home as they are 0-2 down to one of the best defensive outfits in Europe, Real Sociedad of Spain, but manager Billy McNeil has said the Spaniards are not in the same class as their last victims, Ajax of the Netherlands.

Widzew Lodz of Poland have only to score once to oust Rapid Vienna at home, as have Sporting Lisbon, who drew 2-2 away to CSKA Sofia of Bulgaria and joint Cup favorites Juventus, who are level 1-1 with Standard Liege of Belgium in the round's most attractive tie.

The final second round tie is perhaps the most intriguing, with powerful West German champions SV Hamburg traveling to Olym-

piakos of Greece with a slender 1-0 lead. Hamburg still head the Bundesliga after a 4-3 win Saturday, but they can be bad travelers and must face a fanatic Greek support.

In the European Cup for Cup Winners, star-studded Barcelona — the holders — Austria Vienna and little Waterschei of Belgium carry two goal advantages at home to Red Star Belgrade, Galatasaray of Turkey and K.B. Copenhagen respectively. While first-timers Paris St. Germain of France are one-up at home to Swansea City of Wales.

The multinational Paris side have been hit by injuries, however, and John Toshack's side, who play in the English First Division are full of fight.

Real Madrid of Spain and Aberdeen of Scotland are best placed of the away sides. The Spaniards, who lead their league, are 3-1 up on Ujpest Dozsa of Hungary, while the Scots, looking to reach the quarterfinals of the European competition for the first time are 2-0 up on Lech Poznan.

The other two ties look classics. The mighty Bayern Munich, for once not involved in the Champions Cup, are level 1-1 at home to the equally prestigious Tottenham Hotspur of England, while Inter Milan have one goal to pull back on AZ 67 Alkmaar of the Netherlands, and both sides have yet to top league form this season.

Finally, the UEFA Cup is still in the earlier stages (last 32) with another round to follow before the winter recess.

Bankers for the last 16 to date are Dundee United of Scotland, Servette Geneva of Switzerland, Anderlecht of Belgium and Hajduk Split of Yugoslavia, while the big names under threat include Ferencvaros of Hungary, St. Etienne of France, Naples of Italy and former winners Valencia of Spain.

The tightest finishes should be in Cologne where the West Germans trail Glasgow Rangers of Scotland 1-2, and in Seville where the Spaniards start 0-2 down to PAOK Salonika of Greece.

Watterson is new Derby chief

LONDON, Nov. 2 (AFP) — Millionaire snooker promoter Mike Watterson took over total control of debt-ridden Second Division club Derby County Monday night.

Derby, league champions in 1972 and 1975, are now languishing in the Second Division with debts running to almost one million pounds. The take-over saga finally came to an end after a four-hour board meeting when Watterson, who had threatened to pull out because of several delays, took over the chair from Bill Stevenson.

Afterwards, the 40-year-old businessman, who helped to make snooker a major sporting attraction, predicted: "This club can be back among the biggest and most successful within a couple of years. "I am not doing this as a philanthropist. I will be applying some hard-headed decisions, but, if the fans get behind me, the result will be a successful and profitable First Division club before too long."

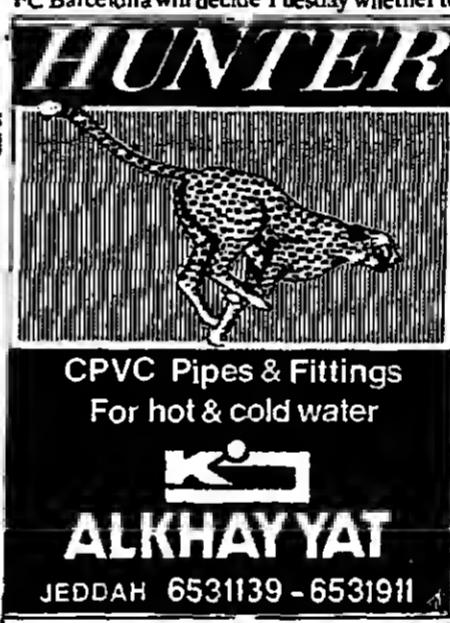
Czech star arrested

Meanwhile, Czech international footballer Jan Berger has been found guilty of disturbing public order and placed in preventive detention following a brawl in a restaurant in Prague two weeks ago, according to unofficial sources. He risks two years in prison.

Berger reportedly started a fight after a meal in a restaurant, attacking police sent to quell the disturbance. Other reliable sources reported that the 27-year-old Berger used the occasion to publicly attack his country's political system. Following the incident he was expelled from the national side and had his licence taken away.

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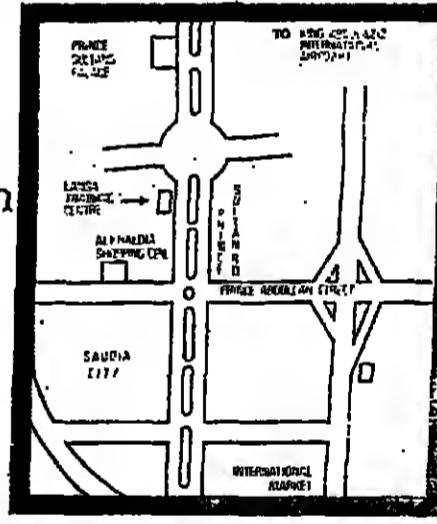
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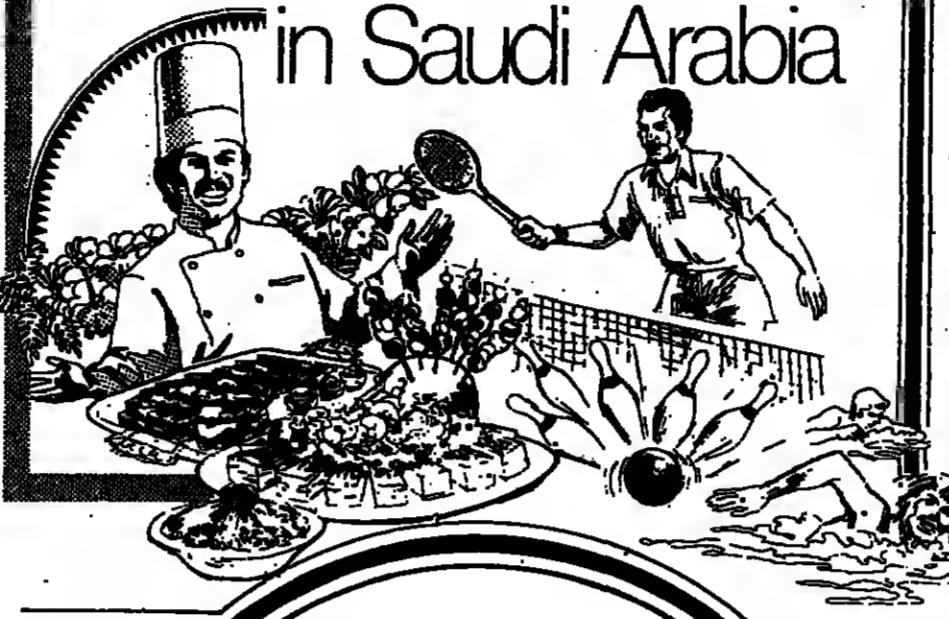
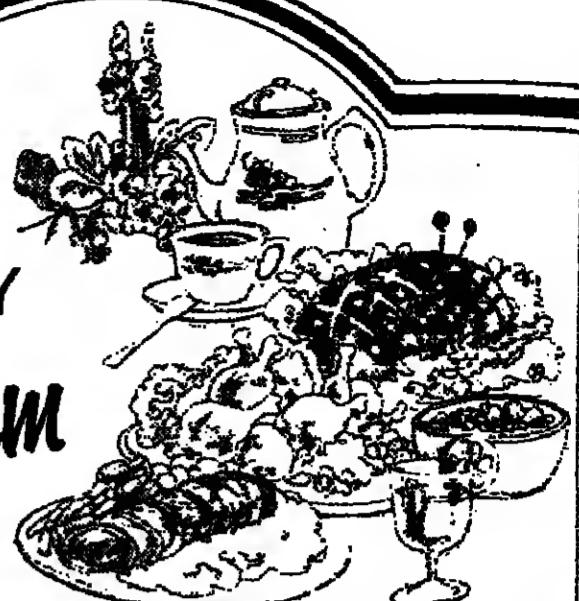
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India, Pakistan sign accord on prisoners

NEW DELHI, Nov. 2 (Agencies) — India and Pakistan signed an agreement here Tuesday giving each government access to its citizens held in the other country's jails. Both sides described it as "a further step in the normalization of Indo-Pakistani relations."

The protocol, agreed to Monday during Pakistani President Zia ul-Haq's brief talks here with Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, also calls for the two neighbors to discuss the release and repatriation of prisoners.

It was signed by Natwar Singh, secretary in India's external affairs ministry, and Riaz Piracha, Pakistan's ambassador. Both governments agreed to provide the other with lists of their citizens being held, and update the lists "at regular intervals." The agreement does not apply to people held for political or security reasons.

More than 300 Indians are believed under detention in Pakistan. The United News of India quoted official sources as saying A

Pakistan Embassy official estimated about 350 Pakistanis are in Indian jails. India and Pakistan have fought three wars since their independence from Britain 35 years ago, and some of the prisoners are believed to be military personnel.

Top Indian and Pakistani officials will meet here Dec. 23 to 24 to formalize the setting-up of a joint commission, an Indian Foreign Office spokesman announced. Foreign secretaries Niaz Naik of Pakistan and Mohan Kumar Rasgotra of India are also to discuss draft proposals for the conclusion of a non-aggression pact and a treaty of peace, friendship and cooperation, the spokesman said.

The agreement to set up an India-Pakistan joint commission was announced Monday at the conclusion of talks between Zia and Mrs. Gandhi. A joint press statement said the two leaders had issued instructions to officials for the "rapid conclusion of modalities and formalities" in establishing the commission.

Tikhonov gets top award

MOSCOW, Nov. 2 (AP) — Premier Nikolai A. Tikhonov was awarded the Soviet Union's highest civilian award by President Leonid Brezhnev Tuesday, and Western diplomats termed the timing of the ceremony highly unusual.

Tikhonov, 77, became a 'Hero of the Soviet Union' for the first time and the Order of Lenin — automatically issued with the hero medal.

Within the Soviet system such awards are taken very seriously and issuance normally is a sign of standing in the hierarchy. But awards typically are given on significant dates — such as birthdays — or after a specific achievement. The official news agency Tass

report on Tikhonov's award gave no indication of why it was awarded on Tuesday — which is not a significant date in the Soviet Union.

Tass said the award "marks out Nikolai Tikhonov's great services in the strengthening of the country's economic and defense might." The Soviet premier traditionally is charged with overseeing the nation's economy.

Western diplomats, unable to explain timing of the award, said it appeared part of an overall program of aggrandizement of the Brezhnev faction of the Soviet leadership. Tikhonov is thought to be a close Brezhnev protégé.

Evictions spark riots in Brixton

LONDON, Nov. 2 (R) — London's multicultural district of Brixton, scene of fierce rioting last year, was returning to normal Tuesday after fresh violence which brought a new police riot unit on to the streets in force for the first time.

A crowd of some 300 youths — mostly black — armed with petrol bombs and bricks took to the streets Monday night after a day of tension sparked by evictions in the area.

Police were stoned, windows smashed and derelict buildings set ablaze before the specially trained "immediate response" squads, wearing flameproof clothing and crash helmets and carrying riot shields, moved in to clear the area. One policeman was injured and four arrests were made.

Tuesday the police presence was discrete. Only a few of the 500 in action Monday night were deployed in side streets as Brixton people were cleaning up.

Damage to property was estimated at several thousand sterling (dollars), but most concern was focused on the effects on relations between the community and the police. Local council leader Robin Pitt said the clashes could set back the work of building harmony in the area by a year.

Monday night's rioting broke out after local council officials and police took over council-owned houses in Railton Road — dubbed the "front line" in last year's riots — where they said squatters were running illegal clubs.

Relations between police and residents in Brixton, a run-down inner city area where unemployment and crime are both high, have been delicate for years. Brixton people have accused the police of provoking last year's riots by harassing young blacks.

German mother goes on trial amid publicity

LUEBECK, West Germany, Nov. 2 (AP) — A 32-year-old woman who shot dead the alleged murderer of her child in a Luebeck courtroom 18 months ago went on trial Tuesday amid a welter of publicity sensationalizing her dramatic act of revenge.

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Those admitted heard state prosecutor Klaus-Dieter Schulz formally accuse Ms. Bachmeier of entering a Luebeck court on March 6, 1981, drawing a Beretta pistol from her handbag and shooting dead the alleged murderer of her daughter, Klaus Grabowski, a 35-year-old butcher with a previous record of molesting small children.

But they were robbed of any first witness revelations when Judge Peter Bassenge closed the session after only eight minutes and said the trial, which is expected to last about six weeks, would continue Thursday.

Grabowski was charged with strangling Ms. Bachmeier's seven-year-old daughter Anna after luring her to his apartment in May, 1980. Six of the eight bullets Anna's mother fired hit him in the back and one in the arm and he died as he lay bleeding on the courtroom floor.

If convicted of Grabowski's murder, Ms. Bachmeier faces a maximum sentence of life in jail. Three judges and two laymen who under West German law advise them — all men — will pass judgment. As her trial approached, Ms. Bachmeier became something of a national figure in West Germany.

Released this summer on bail from jail, she told her story to the weekly magazine *Stern* in several installments which emphasize her love for Anna and her grief at Anna's death.

Photos of the attractive dark-haired Ms. Bachmeier and her lookalike daughter have garnered West German newsstands for weeks and the nation's largest circulation newspaper, *Bild*, has dubbed its series on the runup to Thursday's trial "the trial of the year."

A program aired on national television last week also debated the merits of Ms. Bachmeier's deed. Its title — "I'd Have Shot him Too" — was typical of much of the sentiment aired by parents interviewed. One old man provoked angry telephone calls when he was shown telling a reporter, "I wouldn't just have shot him, I would have cut him also to little bits."

MPs blame Shagari

LAGOS, Nov. 2 (AFP) — Nigerian MPs have blamed President Shehu Shagari for last week's religious disturbances in which about 900 persons were killed. According to reports in major newspapers here, MPs in the National Assembly condemned President Shagari for releasing 1,000 prisoners who allegedly took part in a similar religious uprising in the northern state of Kano in 1980.

The MPs said the detainees were the same gang who organized last week's riots in Borno and Kaduna states also in northern Nigeria. The papers said that one MP during the debate called on Shagari to explain to the nation why he had released the prisoners. Shagari condemned the riots and pledged to ensure peace.



IMPRESSIVE WELCOME: Princess Anne, president of the Save the Children Fund, receives an impressive welcome at Chicks International Airport, Malawi on Monday. She is on a six-nation tour.

U.N. debates Falklands

Argentina truce stand stays

BUENOS AIRES, Nov. 2 (Agencies) — Argentina recognizes only a de facto ceasefire in its war with Britain over the Falkland Islands (Malvinas), a Foreign Ministry spokesman said in advance of a United Nations debate on the Falklands due to start Tuesday.

Denying U.N. reports that Buenos Aires had recognized a formal cessation of hostilities, the spokesman said "Argentina has not changed its position."

Diplomatic observers in the capital believed nevertheless that authorities, by going even as far as to refer to a de facto truce, had softened their stand to make more acceptable a revised draft resolution on the Falklands to be presented at the U.N. General Assembly by Argentina and 19 Latin American countries.

Argentina, in a note to the U.N. Security Council, also made a fresh denunciation of what it termed Britain's arbitrarily maintaining a "zone of protection" around the southern Atlantic archipelago, the spokesman said.

Britain has emphasized the right of colon-

ized peoples to self-determination. To meet this point, the draft resolution mentions the interests of the island population, which should be taken into account.

Britain and Argentina have been lobbying strongly for their respective positions. Both countries have brought islanders to New York to appeal in a General Assembly committee, which will discuss the Falkland question.

Argentina Monday night reiterated its rejection of the 150-mile "protection zone" established by Britain around the Falklands in the aftermath of the war. In a letter to the Security Council, Argentina's permanent representative to the U.N., Carlos Muniz, said Britain was maintaining tension in the area by harassing Argentine fishing vessels in their own territorial waters.

Diplomats said there was little doubt that the assembly would endorse a call for new negotiations between Britain and Argentina, and the main question was by how wide a margin in the voting, which is expected to take place Thursday.

U.K. ships carried N-arms

LONDON, Nov. 2 (AP) — Several British warships deployed in the 74-day conflict with Argentina over the Falkland Islands last spring carried nuclear weapons, *The Guardian* newspaper reported Tuesday.

The liberal daily quoted defense sources as saying there was no doubt that many of the Royal Navy frigates sent to the South Atlantic carried live nuclear depth charges, a common practice for warships on operational patrol far away from supply bases.

A Defense Ministry spokesman declined comment on the report. "It is the policy of the British government neither to confirm nor deny existence or location of nuclear weapons," he said.

However, *The Guardian* said Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher and Defense Secretary John Nott were expected to answer questions in the House of Commons Thursday on whether live nuclear devices were taken to the war zone.

The paper said the nuclear depth charges

were apparently collected by a navy ship to take them out of the Falklands zone after a British submarine sank the Argentine cruiser, *Gen. Belgrano*, May 2, the first naval engagement in the conflict.

The Guardian said that a three-day attempt to keep the British destroyer *Sheffield* afloat after it had been hit by an Argentine Exocet missile May 4 concentrated on saving the nuclear depth charges she was carrying. The crippled *Sheffield* sank May 7.

Indications that some British task force ships carried the fully charged nuclear devices came last week when the letters of Royal Navy Lt. David Tinker, killed aboard the cruiser *Majestic* off the Falklands were published.

Tinker claimed he saw a dummy nuclear depth charge used for training aboard a British support ship, *The Fort Austin*. *The Guardian* said *The Fort Austin* may have been used to collect the nuclear devices taken to safety.

Smith was ushered out by Pakistani officials who objected to his seeing the opium dens that normally do a brisk business. "I'm sorry but we can't guarantee your safety," said Jamshid Bukhri, home secretary of North-West Frontier Province (NWFP). It was not immediately clear if there was any immediate threat to Smith's life, but he quickly turned about and emerged into the bright sunshine declaring he found the trip "fascinating."

Smith, who arrived Monday in Pakistan, came here specifically to gauge the extent of this country's drug problems. Pakistan now accounts for nearly 70 percent of all heroin reaching the United States and Smith said Washington is "doing everything it can to stop the drug trafficking."

Two days prior to his visit, narcotics officials announced that heroin seizures in Pakistan so far this year had already exceeded the one-ton mark, a world record.

2 leaders' passports canceled in Sri Lanka

COLOMBO, Nov. 2 (R) — The Sri Lankan authorities have canceled the passports of two opposition politicians, one of them the main challenger in last month's presidential election, a Defense Ministry official said.

The official declined to give reasons for the actions against Hector Kotikabandu, vice president of the Sri Lanka Freedom Party (SLFP), and a party assistant secretary, Vijay Kumaratunga.

Last week Kotikabandu was questioned by police about an alleged plot to kill President Junius Jayewardene and about reports of fake rice ration cards distributed just before the election.

Kotikabandu took 39 percent of the vote in the poll, which saw Jayewardene win another six-year term.

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